

GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy,
Robert F.
PR14/ST32

January 3, 1969

Dear Mrs. Elkin:

It was thoughtful of you to send a copy of the resolution adopted by the National Association for Retarded Children to President Johnson. In his behalf, I should like to thank you for making this available to him.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Juanita D. Roberts
Personal Secretary
to the President

Mrs. Philip Elkin
President
X National Association For
Retarded Children
420 Lexington Avenue
New York, New York 10017

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It was thoughtful
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to President
Johnson in his
behalf. I think
you very much
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December 1, 1968
THE WHITE HOUSE

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 7, 1968

MRS. JUANITA ROBERTS

Juanita:

I am returning this as per our conversation.


George E. Reedy



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR RETARDED CHILDREN

420 LEXINGTON AVENUE NEW YORK, N. Y. 10017
(212) 689-9290

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

December 3, 1968

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President Lyndon B. Johnson
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Mr. President:

I am pleased to send you the enclosed copy of a resolution adopted by the National Association for Retarded Children at our Executive Committee Meeting in New York City.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Philip Elkin
President

ESE/cf

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR RETARDED CHILDREN

WHITE HOUSE
MAIL ROOM

450 LEXINGTON AVENUE
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10017
(212) 686-8200



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Washington, D. C.

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President

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, by the untimely and tragic death of Robert F. Kennedy, the nation has lost the benefit of his humanitarian services, his wisdom and his counsel, the State of New York has been deprived of an effective spokesman in the Senate of the United States, and his beloved wife and family will no longer have his companionship and devotion, and

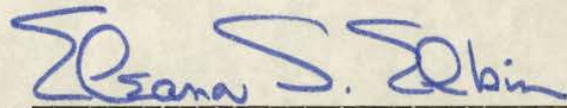
WHEREAS, Robert F. Kennedy, through his public service and personal concern for mentally retarded and handicapped citizens throughout his adult life, contributed immeasurably to their health, welfare and status as full-time citizens of our country; and

WHEREAS, by reason of his exemplary personal and public life, and his continuous concern for and achievements won on behalf of the mentally retarded, Robert F. Kennedy has gained the admiration and gratitude of the National Association for Retarded Children and countless fellow American citizens, and indeed countless friends and admirers around the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Resolution of Commendation and Appreciation for the life of Honorable Robert F. Kennedy, which has so richly enhanced the legacy of our nation, be spread upon the records of the National Association for Retarded Children,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Mrs. Robert F. Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Kennedy, The President of the United States, and that the membership of the NARC be notified of the enactment of this Memorial Resolution at a meeting duly convened and authorized to so act held in New York City on the 13th day of July, 1968.




President

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CONGRESSIO GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy,
Robert F.

August 6, 1968

Honorable William S. Mailliard
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman:

This is in response to your communication of July 16, 1968 transmitting a letter and enclosure from Dr. Elizabeth C. Boukas concerning the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy, Senator Robert F. Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King.

The authors who have criticized the conclusions of the Warren Commission do not claim to have any significant new evidence, so far as we are aware. Rather, their criticisms and demands for a new inquiry are based upon different conclusions they have drawn from parts of the same body of evidence that was examined by the Commission. The Commission made a thorough inquiry and detailed analysis of the facts concerning the assassination. The evidence amply supports the basic conclusions of the Commission. In these circumstances, we see no basis for a new inquiry.

At the present, no determination has been made that the evidence available would warrant additional independent Federal inquiry into the possibility of a related conspiracy in connection with the deaths of Senator Kennedy and Dr. King. Additional, detailed comment by officers or agencies of the Federal Government would be most inappropriate in view of possible prejudice to the criminal proceedings involving Messrs. Sirhan and Ray.

As always it is a pleasure to be of assistance. Your enclosures are returned herewith.

Sincerely,

FRED M. VINSON, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

The White House ✓

CONGRESSIONAL

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

GENERAL

FL3/Kennedy
Robert F.
FL3/King

To: Honorable Warren Christopher
Deputy Attorney General

Date: July 17, 1968

ACTION REQUESTED

____ Draft reply for:
____ President's signature.
____ Undersigned's signature.

____ Memorandum for use as enclosure to
reply.

*~~XXXX~~ Direct reply.

~~XXXXXX~~ Furnish information copy.

____ Suitable acknowledgment or other
appropriate handling.

____ Furnish copy of reply, if any.

____ For your information.

____ For comment.

NOTE

Prompt action is essential.

If more than 48 hours' delay is encountered,
please telephone the undersigned immediately,
Code 1450.

Basic correspondence should be returned when
draft reply, memorandum, or comment is re-
quested.

REMARKS:

*Dr. Elizabeth C. Boukas' letter of July 5 to the President was
referred to the Department of Justice by the White House, on July 15.

Description:

____ Letter: ____ Telegram: Other: Referral slip
To: The White House
From: Cong. William S. Mailliard
Date: July 16, 1968
Subject: Correspondence fr Dr. Elizabeth C. Boukas req federal action with respect to
the Kennedy and King assassinations.

By direction of the President:

Barefoot Sanders
Legislative Counsel
to the President

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(White House File Copy)

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, U.S.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

July 16, 1968.

Respectfully referred to

Congressional Liaison Office
THE WHITE HOUSE
Washington, D. C.

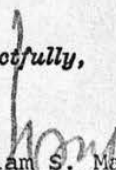
Gentlemen:

Attached is correspondence from Dr. Elizabeth C. Boukas requesting federal action with respect to the Kennedy and King assassinations.

Since I have received other correspondence suggesting a conspiracy and requesting a Commission, I would appreciate being advised as to whether consideration has been given to the appointment of such a Commission.

Please return correspondence. Thank you,

Very respectfully,


William S. Mailliard

M.C., 6th District.
California.

P.O. Box 116
Dunnigan, Yolo County, Calif.

July 5, 1968

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MAILED

Honorable William S. Mailliard
House Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Mailliard:

In view of the serious consequences to the American public from the assassination of three of its leaders, I have been requested to send you the enclosed Statement of Position and I have been authorized to represent to you that the persons whose names appear below have given their written authorization with full knowledge of the content of the statement.

We the undersigned earnestly hope that you will take an active role in requesting federal action. We feel that such action should come from the executive branch as well as the legislative branch of the Government.

Unless action is taken immediately, valuable leads to the possibility of an organized conspiracy could be lost in the narrowing down of facts relevant only to the trial of one suspect.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth C. Boukas

Dr. Elizabeth C. Boukas

ECB/m

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An identical letter has been sent to President Johnson, to Majority and Minority Leaders of both Houses of Congress and of the California State Legislature, all members of the recently created commission to study violence, various personalities associated with the late Senator Robert F. Kennedy and with the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

STATEMENT OF POSITION

Since the assassination of President Kennedy called for a federal investigation, we believe that the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., national leader of a minority group, and that of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, aspirant to the presidential office, call for the same.

In addition to an investigation of the individual deaths, there is reason to consider an investigation of a possible connection between the three because of the following facts (1) there are still lingering doubts about the thoroughness of the Warren Commission report, (2) Dr. King and Senator Kennedy were assassinated in quick succession while both were actively engaged in supporting a similar cause, (3) the cause of the latter two is identified with the administration of President Kennedy.

To enact tighter gun control laws is a necessary step but it has nothing to do with the question, "Is there a conspiracy behind these three assassinations?" The recent creation of a federal commission to study the causes of violence does not deal with the specific issue.

While we are confident that the proper federal authorities are working on their own, there is as yet no body representative of the public at large to study the evidence gathered and to weigh it specifically in the light of a possible connection between the three assassinations. Only the creation of a federal commission for this specific purpose can heal the trauma and dispel the discouragement of these days.

Every American has the right to know whether or not there exists an organized violence that can abruptly terminate his work for the betterment of American society.

Babbish, Agnes A.
Marin County, California

Boukas, Dr. Elizabeth C.
Yolo County, California

Codd, Lois J.
Alameda County, California

Fazackerly, Joan
San Mateo County, California

Geddis, Norah
Los Angeles County, California

Harrison, Joan
Napa County, California

LaVoy, Anna Louise
Monterey County, California

LaVoy, Georgie
San Francisco County, Calif.

Loudon, Donald J.
San Francisco County, Calif.

Malarkey, Susanna
San Joaquin County, Calif.

Perez, Mary
Washoe County, Nevada

Tagliareni, Mildred K.
Yolo County, California

Zimmerman, Larua
Alameda County, California

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P.O. Box 116
Dunnigan, Yolo County, Calif.

July 5, 1968

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The White House
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Name	Date
JEAN FRAYER	7-17-68

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7/22/68
July 25, 1968

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JL3/Kennedy Rott F.

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Dear Mr. Green:

The White House does not maintain a film footage library, and therefore we are unable to fill your request of footage of the assassination of Senator Kennedy and the President's speech of March 31.

You may wish to contact the major television networks, all of which should have the footage in their libraries which you request.

Their addresses of the Washington offices are:

The National Broadcasting Company
4001 Nebraska Avenue, N. W.

The American Broadcasting Company
1124 Connecticut Avenue, N. W.

The Columbia Broadcasting System
2020 M Street, N. W.

Being a Georgian myself, I am particularly interested in your series of television broadcasts and hope they are very successful.

Sincerely,

W. Thomas Johnson
Assistant Press Secretary
to the President

X
Mr. Johnny Green
Producer/Director
X Georgia Educational Television Network
1733 Clifton Road, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30329
WTJ/cg
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Referral to Deputy

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Attorney General

fm Mr. Sanders re:
Cong. Wm. S. Mailliard

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JL3/Kennedy, Robt. F.
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FINAL ACTION

Hon. Wm. S. Mailliard
fm Fred M. Varsany, Jr.
Asst. Attorney General.

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GENERAL

513 Kennedy, Robert F.

July 16, 1968

Dear Cynthia Ann:

Thank you for sending President Johnson your
song in tribute to the late Senator Robert F.
Kennedy.

As you requested, your song has been conveyed
to Mrs. Kennedy.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Juanita D. Roberts
Personal Secretary
to the President

^x
Cynthia Ann George
1577 Hagey Drive
Barberton, Ohio 44203
Enclosures: #9 and #10(a)
EM:ltd

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Dear Mrs. President,

REC'D JUL 16 '68

My name is Cynthia Ann George.

I live at 1577 Hagey Dr Barberton, Ohio, 44203.
I was eleven January 23. I am writing to
you all by my self. (My parent don't know
of my writing to you.) The song on the
next page is in memory of Robert F.
Kennedy. (If you kin will you please
send it to Mrs. Robert F. Kennedy.)
And if you want to will you
send me a picture of you singed
by you.

Wish you were still running (cause
you are good!!)

Cynthia
Ann
George

GENERAL

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*IL 3 / Kennedy, Robt. F.
LG / East Paterson / PR 14
LG / East Paterson*

July 12, 1968

Dear Mr. Mayor:

I just wanted to assure you that your message has been received and forwarded to the family of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

With the President's appreciation for your thoughtfulness,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Honorable Albert St. George
Mayor of the Borough of East Paterson
East Paterson, New Jersey

"For hand delivery of incoming to the Hill" *sent*

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
BOROUGH OF EAST PATERSON
BERGEN COUNTY NEW JERSEY

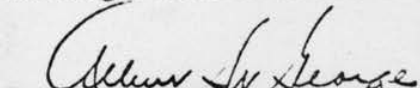
ALBERT ST. GEORGE

June , 1968

R E S O L U T I O N

- WHEREAS: the late Senator Robert F. Kennedy has personified the ideals of democracy and the faith in the common man to intelligently participate in government and to rule himself effectively, and
- WHEREAS: the beloved deceased Senator Robert F. Kennedy manifested his belief and faith in the average person by demonstrating an awareness of the multitudinous problems facing our great nation, and
- WHEREAS: the esteemed departed Senator Robert F. Kennedy was the acknowledged champion of the poor, of the under privileged, of the oppressed, of the frustrated, and of the deprived blocs of many Americans seeking to better their economic, political and social lot, and
- H WHEREAS: the fallen idol of the American people whose cause he had espoused and pledged to aid to bring about a better climate in these United States and who has, regrettably, prematurely come to the end of his most productive life span, and
- WHEREAS: the lamented, assassinated leader of American youth, hope of the aged, and stalwart champion of the general rank and file of the American people recognized the need to change our democracy into a firm, dynamic, and responsive form of governmental attuned to the needs of the general populace, and
- WHEREAS: one of the outstanding leaders of a major political party has given his life in an endeavor to bring about universal peace, improvement in our domestic ills, and to improve the social, economic, political, and educational birthright of our American people, be it
- RESOLVED: the Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Paterson convey to his widow and children, and to his parents, the deep and genuine sympathy and condolences of our community, and be it further
- RESOLVED: a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Congressman Henry J. Helstoski for possible inclusion in the Congressional Record, so that members of the elective Congressional Houses of our Federal Government may be aware of the deep and genuine grief, and of deep personal loss experienced in our community in the recent tragic demise of one of our truly great national leaders.

Signed


Albert St. George, Mayor

Councilmen: Toci - Hampel - Verga - Meyer
Morgan - Merbeth

GENERAL

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JL3/Kennedy, Robert F.

July 12, 1968

Dear Elizabeth:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for writing again. He shares your sorrow on the tragic loss of Senator Robert Kennedy.

The President deeply appreciates your goodwill. He wants you to know that his decision to place his office above partisanship reflects his heartfelt desire for unity in America and peace in Viet-Nam. He will continue to devote himself to these paramount issues.

You and your family have President Johnson's gratitude and his warm good wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

X
Elizabeth Belding
Post Office 509
Pasco, Washington 99301

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SLB/Kennedy Robert F.
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July 11, 1968

Dear Mr. Jackson:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter. He mourns with you, and with the nation, the tragic loss of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, and your kind expression of sympathy is being conveyed to the Kennedy family.

The picture you asked for is not available for distribution from this office, but I am pleased to send you the enclosed photograph.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Timon Jackson
1308 Holly Street
Houston, Texas 77007

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Timon Jackson
June 19, 1968

Dear President Johnson

I know that the world has lost a great man such as Robert Kennedy and Mr. Johnson. I know that a person can't even walk the street at night. People is always shooting up some body and I will never forget Robert Kennedy. He was a very nice person too everybody. and I hope that Mrs. Kennedy is doing fine. and her children too. and Mr. Johnson. I hope that you and Mrs. Johnson are doing fine and I wish I could meet Mrs. Johnson in person and I would like to visit the beautiful White House and see the many beautiful rooms. such as the Blue room the East room and the State dining room and Mr. Johnson. If you ever come back to Houston I would like to meet you in person. Because I know that you have done your best for the people of the United States. Will you please send me a wedding picture of Lynda and Charles Robb cutting their wedding cake and Mr. Johnson. I hope that you are doing fine and may God Bless you and the Best of wishes.

Timon Jackson

BW

GENERAL

*TL 3 / Kennedy, Robert F.
LE / TL 3*

July 10, 1968

Dear Mrs. Knapp:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for sharing with him your concern and grief on the tragic loss of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. As you requested, your letter has been forwarded to the Kennedy family. You may be sure, too, that your other comments have been fully noted and are appreciated.

Because of your interest in more stringent gun controls, you may want to read the President's message to Congress on "The People's Right to Protection." The enclosed copy comes to you with his best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

X
Mrs. Ayliffe Knapp
Route 5, Box 330
South Haven, Michigan 49090

Enclosure Message to Congress of 6/24

EK:mg

Enclosure only to Hill

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July 3, 1968

Dear Pres. Johnson:—

I did not write sooner as you all, had a real rough time. I felt like I was right there with you folks. When I say it was a shock, about Bobby, that's putting it too mild.

How Ethel, stood up, under the long hours - were beyond me. The Faith, was a big part, I know.

It brought those horrible days about Pres. Kennedy, back again. What I wanted to write you was, it seemed to me - there was an awful lot of extras added to your program. I felt so sorry for all of you. But very little I could do to lighten your burden outside of prayers.

Would you please finish address on Ethel's letter - so she will get my letter. I do not know the address.

I have wanted to mention to you the less they advertise on Radio & T.V. about guns & displays etc - would be better than to keep talking about them in public. I will draw this

subject out into the open more freely and kids will have it on their minds more, and start investigating more.

Another thing about this (Time) I sure wish it could go back to Sun-time, every-thing would be easier to manage. This way it keeps people all mixed up and its no wonder this world is getting into such a State of Affairs along with everything that is so mixed up today.

Seems like every-one & everything is moving so fast today, you don't have time to think even.

Perhaps I was born 30 years too soon. But we did not have so much corruption then.

Oh! For the good old days.

Sorry to be bothering you, but, I feel like I know you - better than some - Still think you have had a rough row to hoe.

Wish you peace & contentment in near future. I remain ~~an~~ an interested party.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Ayliffe Knapp
Box 330
R5
So. Haven, Mich.
49090.

BW

GENERAL

JL 3/Kennedy, Robert F.
CO 92

July 10, 1968

Dear Mr. Ruess:

I just wanted to assure you that your message has been received and forwarded to the family of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

With the President's appreciation for your thoughtfulness,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

x
Mr. Georg Ruess
7981 Weissenau
Donauschwabenstrasse 12
West Germany

EK:mg

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Enclosure to Hill

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GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy, Robert F.
C051

July 10, 1968

Dear Captain Pumarejo:

I just wanted to assure you that your letter has been received and forwarded to the office of Senator Edward Kennedy, as you requested.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

x
Captain Alfredo Pumarejo
Apartado Aereo No. 1054
Santa Marta, Colombia

EK:mg

Please send enclosed envelope to the Hill *sent*

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DIVISION OF LANGUAGE SERVICES

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TRANSLATOR'S SUMMARY OF COMMUNICATION

Language: Spanish
Date of Communication: June 23, 1968
Addressed to: Secretary
The White House
Name and address of writer: Captain Alfredo Pumarejo
Apartado Aéreo No. 1054
Santa Marta, Colombia

Substance of writer's statement:

It is requested that the attached sealed letter addressed to Senator
Edward Kennedy be delivered to him.



CUERPO DE GUIAS JUVENILES DE TRANSITO Y TURISMO

Una institución Cívica al Servicio de Santa Marta

TELEFONO 4273.

XXXXXXXXXX

Apartado Aéreo 1054.

Santa Marta Colombia, Junio 23 de 1.968.

Señor.

SECRETARIO DE LA CASA BLANCA.

Washington.

Distinguido Señor:

De la manera más atenta me es grato saludarlo y a la vez deseo molestar sus múltiples ocupaciones, - para solicitarle un gran favor.

Tenemos interés de hacer llegar al Señor, Edwar Kennedy, la presente carta que nos permitimos acompañarle, pero no tenemos la dirección de dicho señor, por lo tanto le imploramos a Ud, el favor, si lo estima conveniente, de ordenar para que le sea entregada esta carta al Sr. Kennedy.

Usted nos perdonará pero es la única solución para que por su digno conducto, pueda llegar dicha carta.

Reciba nuestros agradecimientos de amigos, hermanos y democratas, que apreciamos al ilustre amigo presidente LYNDON B. JOHNSON.

CUERPO DE GUIAS JUVENILES DE TRANSITO Y TURISMO.

CAPITAN. ALFREDO PUMAREJO.
COMANDANTE.

Apartado Aéreo No. 1054.
Santa Marta Colombia.

CUERPO DE GUIAS JUVENILES DE TRANSITO Y TURISMO

Una institución Civil al Servicio de Santa Marta

WHITE HOUSE
MAIL ROOM

Apartado Aéreo 1054

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Santa Marta Colombia, Junio 23 de 1968.



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CAPITAN. ALBERTO PUNZOLLO.
COMANDANTE.

Apartado Aéreo No. 1054.
Santa Marta Colombia.

BW
GENERAL

SLB/Kennedy, Robert F.
CO305

July 10, 1968

Dear Miss Piotrowski:

I just wanted to assure you that your card has been received and forwarded to the family of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

With the President's appreciation for your thoughtfulness,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

X
Miss Wanda Piotrowski
65 Heathfield Road
Handsworth
Birmingham, England

Enclosures Two postage stamps and 2s.6d. ret'd to sender *amt*

EK:mg

Please send enclosed card to the Hill *amt*

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If it does not cost
any more, then give
the 2/6 to charity or
something once again.
Thank you very much.

65, Heathfield Rd,
Handsworth,
Birmingham, 19.
England.

Dear President Johnson,

I hope that you
and your family are well. I am writing to
you because I do not know MRS. E. KENNEDY's
address. I would be very grateful if you would
send the letter I have wrote to her. I have
enclosed an envelope and stamps if it cost
any then take it out of the 2/6 I have
enclosed. Please don't delay in sending it.

Yours sincerely
Wanda Piotrowski (Thank you
very much)

P.T.O.

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GENERAL

JFK/Kennedy
Robert F.

July 9, 1968

Dear Father LaRouere:

President Johnson has asked me to express his understanding and appreciation of your wish to honor the memory of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

The President has been deeply touched in these days of grief by the evidence, in messages such as yours, that the heart of America is compassionate and can respond to tragedy of this magnitude -- not only with a sense of irreparable loss, but also with vision and high purpose.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

X
The Reverend Jeffrey La Rouere, O.S.B.
St. Vincent Archabbey
Latrobe, Pennsylvania

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ST. VINCENT ARCHABBEY



LATROBE, PENNSYLVANIA

New Father LaRovere

Dear President Johnson,

Admittently, I had preferred Bob Kennedy for President over anyone, including yourself, but now the entire situation has changed. If at all possible, I would support you again with every ounce of vigor in my constitution. But I'm afraid this isn't to be. Even so, I salute you, Sir, for being a good and great President and tragically misjudged by so many. Thank you for your four year battle for all the people.

I would like to make a request which may not be possible but I feel is wholly necessary. In a similar vein as 1964, a filmed tribute of Bob Kennedy is most in order and must serve as a final recompense to the family and to the nation that he didn't die in vain, and to restore some of the disillusionment of us, those who loved Bob. I know you'll give this consideration, and I thank you for that.

God protect you and bless you
Mr. President.

The Rev
Father Jeffrey LaRovere
C.S.B.

BW

GENERAL

513/Kennedy
Robert F.

July 9, 1968

Dear Theresa:

Your letter to the President has been received.

The speech you requested is not available for distribution from this office. You may wish to write the late Senator Robert F. Kennedy's staff, in Room 3327, Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C. 20510.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

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Theresa Kell
1533 Chowkeebin Nene
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

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Theresa Keil
1533 Chowkeebin Nene
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

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Dear Sir:

My name is Theresa Keil and I am 13 years old. I would like to ask you if you could get me a certain speech. I would like the speech Edward Kennedy made at the funeral Mass of Robert Kennedy. I watched the whole funeral and heard this speech and would very much like to have it. I also read everything in the paper about it as I thought and everybody else thought that it was a horrible thing that happened and what is happening to the world today.

Thank you

BIO

GENERAL

*FL 3/Kennedy,
Robert F.*

July 9, 1968

Dear Miss Genaro:

Your letter has been received. I regret that we do not have available for distribution photographs of the late Senator Robert F. Kennedy. It is suggested that you may wish to address your request to his Staff in Room 3327, Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C. 20510.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

X
Miss Patricia Genaro
3230 West Division
Chicago, Illinois

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Patricia Genaro
3230 W. Division
Chicago 51, Ill.

Dear Sir;

I read about all the presidents that lived in the White House. My favorite president was John F. Kennedy. I was a fan of Senator Robert Kennedy. I have over 100 pictures of him in my album. I would like to know if I can obtain pictures of Senator Robert Kennedy from the White House, or the address where I can send for one. Thank You

Yours Sincerely
Patricia Genaro

PW

GENERAL

TL3/Kennedy
Robert F.
LE/TL3

July 8, 1968

Dear Mr. Everhart:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter. He mourns with you, and with the nation, the tragic loss of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

Because of the interest you expressed, you may want to read the President's statement of June 19 and message of June 24 on crime and gun controls. The enclosed copies come to you with his best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

X
Mr. T. E. Everhart
University of California
Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences
Berkeley, California 94720

Enclosures: Crime Statement 6/19/68; Message to Congress 6/24/68

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June 28, 1968

The President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20550

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Dear Mr. President:

Several days have passed since the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. My immediate reaction after this tragic event was to write a letter to you urging a better gun-control law, but following a life-long habit, I did not write during the emotional days immediately following his death. Instead, I have pondered the problem, asking myself how the traditional American right of self-protection and the long-standing hunting for wild life in these United States can be maintained, while at the same time firearms which contribute to violent death can be eliminated (at least in principle) from the urban American scene. I recognize that all laws are disobeyed to some extent—and I feel that the number of persons who will risk disobeying a law increases rapidly as the severity of penalty for disobeying that law decreases. Hence my proposal, outlined below, involves a severe penalty for law-breaking, but contains safeguards for home protection. The violence I would strive to eliminate is violence in a public place, or in a place to which the public has free access. However, since the problem today is basically an urban problem, my proposed solution affects only those persons in urban areas. The proposal is not meant to be worded in any final form, for experts in the passage and enforcement of laws, such as yourself, are much better qualified to word such a proposal correctly. All my proposal is meant to do is to present an approach to gun-control legislation which I have not heard mentioned publicly (I am not an expert in this field), and which I feel would be an improvement over present-day legislation, either pending or in effect.

I would propose that it be illegal for any American (with the exception of properly deputized law enforcement personnel) to possess a loaded firearm of any sort within any place open to public access in an urban area. (Such areas would have to be defined, eg., any metropolitan area with population over 10,000 people). Penalty for conviction of violation of this law would carry an automatic minimum jail sentence of one year.

This proposal allows possession of loaded firearms in one's home, if so desired. I assume that such firearms should be registered—which is required at present in many states. I would assume loaded firearms should not be possessed on public roads. However, the automatic and mandatory sentence upon conviction I believe to be essential to take firearms away from the general public of urban areas. In the losses we have suffered - President John F. Kennedy, Dr. Martin Luther King, Senator Robert F. Kennedy, - all have occurred in metropolitan areas. The law I propose would discourage the growing homicide rate, the murder of public servants (such as bus drivers, etc.), and would take

the penalty assignment from the courts, where a wealthy or influential man often receives different treatment from a poor man — or a white man from a black man.

I believe the urbanized society of 1968 America needs such a law, and I hope you will find the ideas I have outlined in this letter helpful.

Sincerely yours,



T. E. Everhart

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GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy
Robert F.
LE/JL3

July 8, 1968

Dear Barbara Ann:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter. He mourns with you, and with the nation, the tragic loss of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

Because of the interest you expressed, you may want to read the President's statement of June 19 and message of June 24 on crime and gun controls. The enclosed copies come to you with his best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

X
Barbara Ann Willett
2423 West 62nd Place
Chicago, Illinois 60629

Enclosures : Crime Statement 6/19/68; Message to Congress 6/24/68

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PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS LETTER WAS WRITTEN ONLY HOURS AFTER SENATOR KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION, AND THAT I AM ONLY NOW REWRITING IT.

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REC'D JUL 1 '68

ack
June 8, 1968

June 27, 1968

Dear Barbara Ann:

Dear Mr. President:

Because I am only 14 years old, I expect that this letter will end up in the wastebasket, but would you please do me a favor and at least read it through? This letter is to express my feelings and opinions about the assassination of Senator Kennedy and the subjects I relate to his murder.

Let me start this way: I loved Bobby Kennedy. I didn't love him as I love my parents; I didn't love him as I love my teen idols. No, the love I had, and still have, is the kind of love that can only be given to a person such as he. This love mingles respect with admiration and produces awe. I respected his courage to stand up and defend what he so strongly believed in; I admired the eloquent manner in which he presented his ideas and ideals and led his followers to believe in them to the degree that he did; and lastly, I was awed by the good I saw in him-- the good to successfully change the destiny of our country..... if given the time. This was probably Senator Kennedy's greatest virtue.

Senator Kennedy's unquenchable determination to right the wrongs he saw in the country he loved explains in itself why he entered the race for the Presidency, the highest office in the United States of America, why he told his country how he felt about every major and minor issue worth discussing, and why he showed seemingly no concern for his personal safety as he successfully tried to identify with his people. His tragic death has only served to strengthen my love for him. And I'm sure I speak for more than myself when I say this.

I suppose by now you're wondering why I've told you all this. Well, it's to tell my side of a many-sided and terribly sad story. What America needs is very strict GUN CONTROL LAWS !!!!! How many murders must be committed before people will realize this ??? Police, soldiers, and other authorized government personnel should be the only ones allowed to own, use, or even carry guns! The hunters who are against such a law, really, in my opinion, have no case whatsoever. Which is better..... a live deer or a dead human ??? I have yet to hear of a deer, rabbit, bird, or what have you, murdering someone in cold blood; with men I hear of it every day. It's sickening!!!

Two Kennedys have already been shot down, for no sensible reason, during the height of their political careers. With the knowledge I have of the Kennedy family, this makes me almost certain that Teddy Kennedy will run for the Presidency to try and carry on the work of his two brothers -- if not in this election, then, in all probability, the next. In conclusion, all I can say is, " God, help America, if he, too, is shot down! "

Thank you very much, Sir.

Sincerely,
Barbara Ann Willett

mc/mb

July 8, 1968

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GENERAL
JL3/Kennedy,
Robert F.
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King, Mrs. Martin L.

Dear Miss Young:

President Johnson asked me to thank you for sharing with him your grief and concern over recent tragic events in our country. He has termed this, in his words:

"A moment for all Americans to join hands and walk together through this dark night of common anguish into a new dawn of healing unity."

Copies of your moving poems have been forwarded to the Kennedy family and Mrs. King, as you requested.

With the President's appreciation for your thoughtfulness,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

X
Miss Laraine Young
Post Office Box 485
Red Creek, New York 13143

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June 10, 1968

President Lyndon B. Johnson
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir,

I am a student in Red Creek Central High School in Red Creek, N.Y. It is a little town hardly anyone has heard of. As a student (in the 10th grade), I and many others have been depressed and have almost given up hope about what has been happening.

I have written to you before, right after my trip to Washington with the girl scouts in 1965. I am not sure if you will remember me, but you wrote back saying you appreciated having heard from me and my views. When I stood with Frank Horton on the steps of the Capitol, I felt America was really worth it. I then saw Frank Horton again, at the apple festival in Wolcott, N.Y. very recently and was very pleased.

I am not writing you for any more information, but for different reason. For this reason as I said before, I am deeply concerned with what has been happening. For the past few days I have been thinking heavily about the assassinations and the troubles our country encountered. As an American, I feel as others do that our country is in great need. The thing is the people in America, are saying our country is "sick" and I feel this is not true. Also, as an American, I feel I have the right to base my opinion as others do. I feel these people are wrong in saying this, because we do need love, and understanding and most of all faith. Our country is not "Sick" but we do need to be helped. I feel that Americans should be taught to understand our nation's problems.

Just recently, three great men have been killed because of deep beliefs. The Americans are blaming themselves, they feel ashamed and disgusted. They do not know, or want to know the real truth. It is not the Americans going in and killing off our people, it is those and please excuse my words, foreign nuts. It's becoming a bleak world to live in.

I have heard many times, the Bibles description of our earth's life beyond. "Before the end of our world wars, Christ will have taken all of Gods children off this vast earth and leave sinners for the devil to rule." Many of us believe this, yet they keep blaming themselves for what has happened. Just recently, after many of these unfortunate mishaps, we have had more threats of violence.

Eight revolutionaries threatened to kill more of our great leaders, "nuts" from other foreign countries. This is wrong for the American people to think that way, blaming themselves.

As an American, I am proud of our heritage, our fearless men who die to make us a free and united nation. If one thing goes wrong, people lose faith and feel hopeless. As I look around at our countrysides and surroundings, it gives a wonderful feeling.

In English class, we have done poems that were made up of a title, 3 adjectives or adverbs, and a sentence describing such thoughts. Right now, I would like to express my thoughts by writing a series of these poems describing men like these.

Three Men

Determined, ambitious, fearless
Three men who died to make men free

Three Men

Troubled, concerned, truthful
Three men dead, but still live on within our hearts.

Three Men

Americans, powerful, strong
Three Great Men, loved and cherished and represented by the
common people.

Three Men

Courageous, lively, tireless
Three who were not afraid to undertake such risky deeds,
america would never forget.

Three Great Men

John F. Kennedy, Martin Luther King, Robert F. Kennedy
Three men who lived a wholesome life and fought what they
believed was right, now dead, because of these beliefs.

We as an American should feel proud of our nation and our heritage, be grateful, that none of these mishaps are coming from our nations.

If I am wrong, then I am an individual that believes what he believes, like the three great men who were killed because of it. I believe, America can be help and right now, everything

possible that can be done. I know you are doing the best you can, and that's all we can expect and should.

Thank you very much for letting me express my point for what's it's worth. I will soon be moving to New York City after school is out (probably around June 18-30). I have lived in Rochester when I wrote you, but now we are in a peaceful and quiet little town called Westbury, in Red Creek, N.Y.

Please, If you have a chance, I would like for all of the Kennedy family and the King family to remember what our nation still stands for even in time of grief. If you have a chance I would like for the families to have a copy of my poems to show there is still some life in some Americans. I feel so deeply concerned.

Thank you for everything.

Sincerely,

Laurie young

Ps. Please forgive me but I am not a crackpot, but one who believes what is right and one who would like you to know how I feel. Please forgive my typing, I was just not in the mood to write well. Thank You.

My address in N.Y.:

Miss Laraine Young
104-16-131 Street
Richmond Hill, L.I. N. Y.
c/o D. Lang

My address now:

Laraine Young
Po. Box 485
Red Creek, N.Y.
13143
(Westbury)

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GENERAL

FL 3/Kennedy,
Robert F.

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CM/Hurricane

July 8, 1968

Dear Mr. Cox:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter. He mourns with you, and with the nation, the tragic loss of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

Because of the interest you expressed, you may want to read the President's statement of June 19 and message of June 24 on crime and gun controls. The enclosed copies come to you with his best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Y
Mr. Billy R. Cox
Director of American Studies
Program and Placement
Harding College
Searcy, Arkansas 72143

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ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
DIRECTOR OF AMERICAN STUDIES PROGRAM
DIRECTOR OF PLACEMENT

June 6, 1968

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President Lyndon Johnson
White House
Washington D. C.

Dear President Johnson:

We are all stunned by the violent death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. It is another tragic instant in our national history, and it is always regrettable when individuals decide to take the law into their own hands. I am also a bit dismayed over the reaction of our nation to the violent act. The reaction seems to be that we should immediately register all guns and that would take care of the matter. The fact is that gun registration would not have prevented the tragic assassination of John Kennedy, Robert Kennedy, Martin Luther King, or probably anyone else.

I am appalled at the boldness of Sirhan Sirhan who simply walked into the Ambassador Hotel and shot Senator Kennedy before a number of people. It seems to me that a lot of thought had been given to this action. It is obvious that the young man was emboldened by something. I wonder if it could be the influence which he has seen in our nation over a period of years. The influence of which I am speaking is that which allows people to break any laws of their own choosing because they feel that their rights supersede those of society. Further influence in this same direction would be our court decisions and reluctance to deal harshly with any law breakers. I believe it is entirely possible that Senator Robert F. Kennedy's assassin felt that he could perfect his dastardly deed without really suffering any consequences. The whole tone and trend of law enforcement in recent years has been that of permissiveness and indirection. The courts, educators, and politicians across our country have permeated our society with this permissive attitude.

In view of the foregoing, I call upon you to use your influence to bring an end both the trends of civil disobedience and permissiveness with criminals that is permeating our society. Registering guns is just not the answer.

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June 6, 1968

President Lyndon Johnson
White House
Washington D. C.

Dear President Johnson:

We are all stunned by the violent death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. It is another tragic instant in our national history, and it is always regrettable when individuals decide to take the law into their own hands. I am also a bit dismayed over the reaction of our nation to the violent act. The reaction seems to be that we should immediately register all guns and that would take care of the matter. The fact is that gun registration would not have prevented the tragic assassination of John Kennedy. Robert Kennedy, Martin Luther King, or probably anyone else.

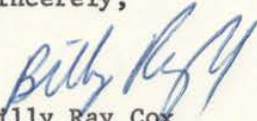
I am appalled at the behavior of certain strikers who simply walked into the Ambassador Hotel and shot Senator Kennedy before a number of people. It seems to me that a lot of thought had been given to this action. It is obvious that the young man was emboldened by something. I wonder if it could be the influence which he has seen in our nation over a period of years. The influence of which I am speaking is that which allows people to break any laws of their own choosing because they feel that their rights supersede those of society. Further influence in this same direction would be our court decisions and reluctance to deal harshly with any law breakers. I believe it is entirely possible that Senator Robert F. Kennedy's assassin felt that he could protect his drastically dead without really suffering any consequences. The whole tone and trend of law enforcement in recent years has been that of permissiveness and indulgence. The courts, educators, and politicians across our country have perverted our society with this permissive attitude.

In view of the foregoing, I call upon you to use your influence to bring an end to the trends of civil disobedience and permissiveness with criminals. That is perverting our society. Registering guns is just not the answer.

President Lyndon Johnson
June 6, 1968
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We must present to the world a picture of a society operating within a legal framework which punishes the law breaker and brings the criminal to justice. Surely the Supreme Court and educators and politicians across the country has seen the effect of the permissive society which has emboldened a young man to openly take the life of one of America's most respected legislators.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Billy Ray Cox".

Billy Ray Cox
Assistant to the President
Director of American Studies
Program and Placement

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GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy
Robert F.

July 5, 1968

Dear Mr. Baker:

I just wanted to assure you that your message has been received and forwarded to the family of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

With the President's appreciation for your thoughtfulness,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Richard Baker
Cassidy Lake Technical School
Chelsea, Michigan 48118

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Tribute to RFK

Quinn and with dignity

For I, I the one who has
suffered neither poverty nor despair,
feel somewhat that I have.

I have seen, touched and even
held the mass of poverty in my
very hands, I should I be proud
of this? should I request tender?
No, for I only wished to help
and to be helped, to give and
not receive.

I did not choose to abandon my
cause, for fate willed me too.

It willed me to walk from this dark
world and into the world of light.
It willed me to see the land that
god has reserved for me.

For I am the man who set out
to make a dream a reality, only
to find a nightmare in my
pursuance.

Yes, I would have succeeded if
my destiny had not been chosen
as a fatal one.

For the assassin that inflicted
these mortal wounds, only to

deprive himself and millions
of others that believed in me
and followed me until this day. 8

Now I sit beside my brothers
loving them so dear, I sit here
Divine and with dignity

By Richard
Baker

A Tribute to Robert F. Kennedy
a master of men and a genius
in his work.

Here I give you this poem
for it is all I have to offer
If I had a billion dollars I
would surely give it to a man
so great.

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GENERAL

*TL 3/Kennedy,
Robert F.*

July 5, 1968

Dear Miss Jefferson:

I just wanted to assure you that your message has been received and forwarded to the family of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

With the President's appreciation for your thoughtfulness,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

X
Miss Annette Jefferson
553 East McDonough Street
Savanna, Georgia 31041

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Dearest President Johnson,
hello, and how are you?

I know you feel bad about Mr.
Kennedy because I do. I was so
hurt when I heard it on T.V.

My Name is Lnette Jefferson, I
am from Washington D.C. But I'm
here in Sarona Ga. I hope Mrs
Kennedy will be fine, because I
know how it is to love someone
and to have a family for the
one you love. Well, I just write to
tell you to tell Mrs Kennedy I hope
and pray that Mrs Kennedy will
come to. May God Bless you all
and may heaven smile upon you

and your family.

Please let me hear from
you please Mr. President

Sincerely
Miss Annette Jefferson
553 E. Mc Donough St
Savanna Ga.

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GENERAL

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JL 3 / Kennedy,
Robert F.

July 5, 1968

Dear Miss Jenkins:

I just wanted to assure you that your letter has been received and copies of your poem have been forwarded to the Kennedy family and Mrs. King as you requested.

With the President's appreciation for your thoughtfulness,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

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Miss Ardis Jenkins
4326 Brinkley
Houston, Texas 77054

PLEASE SEND ENCLOSURE TO HILL W/COPY TO MRS. M.L. KING

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GENERAL

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TL3/Kennedy,

Robert F.

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July 3, 1968

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

The President has asked me to thank you for your good letter of June 13, and for your perceptive comments about the philosophic basis for the President's domestic and foreign policies. The clippings were interesting of themselves, and left all of us here with a genuine curiosity as to how you got yourself so expert in the intricacies of Maori protocol and custom. From your recent cables I would judge that you have switched your anthropological research to the study of the folkways of New Zealand's students. We are hoping for an equally happy result.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Walt R.

W. W. Rostow

*
Honorable John F. Henning
American Embassy
Wellington, New Zealand

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: The Secretary of Health, Education
and Welfare

Date: July 2, 1968

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JL3/Kennedy,
Robert F.

ACTION REQUESTED

- ☐ Draft reply for:
☐ President's signature.
☐ Undersigned's signature.
- ☐ Memorandum for use as enclosure to
reply.
- ☐ Direct reply.
☐ Furnish information copy.
- ☒ Suitable acknowledgment or other
appropriate handling.
- ☐ Furnish copy of reply, if any.
- ☐ For your information.
- ☐ For comment.

NOTE

Prompt action is essential.

If more than 48 hours' delay is encountered,
please telephone the undersigned immediately,
Code 1450.

Basic correspondence should be returned when
draft reply, memorandum, or comment is re-
quested.

REMARKS:

Forwarded to the President by Congressman Reuss

Description:

☒ Letter: ☐ Telegram: ☐ Other:

To: The President
From: Mr. R. A. Karrinen, St., 1047 N. 21st Street, Milwaukee, Wisc. 53233
Date: June 1968
Subject: Writes concerning welfare case in Milwaukee, alleges discrimination (also
comments on assassination of Senator Kennedy, gun controls.)

By direction of the President:

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Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

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July 2, 1968

Dear Mrs. Vivian:

The President asked me to thank you and those who joined with you for your letter. He was interested to learn of your proposed project and appreciates your courtesy in sharing your thoughts with him.

The President has said, "Our first purpose -- America's only purpose -- is to work with others for the good of all mankind, but let this be clear: If choice must be made, we would rather that men quarrel with our actions to preserve peace than to curse us through eternity for inaction that might lose both our peace and our freedom."

You might like to have the enclosed releases which contain some of the President's suggestions for ways in which we may all better serve our great nation. They are sent to you with the President's best wishes.

Sincerely,

Will Sparks
Assistant to
the President

Mrs. V. Eugene Vivian^x (Norma T. Vivian)
Route 2, Box 2230
Browns Mills, New Jersey 08015

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235 Pitman Avenue
Pitman, New Jersey
June 6, 1968

The Hon. Lyndon B. Johnson
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear President Johnson:

Today, I was shocked to read in my morning paper, in a front paged column, the comment: "the cesspool we call America." Since reading this distorted comment, I have dedicated many hours to thinking about the situations this great nation of ours is confronting following the assassination of Robert F. Kennedy.

I thank you for your guiding words before the television cameras Wednesday night, when you so wisely helped to set a course of reason, rather than suggest a blanket condemnation of 200 million Americans for the act of one crazed and misguided unfortunate.

I love my country. I am proud to say I'm a first generation American, genuinely aware of all the good things I have been able to gain as an American Citizen. I hope I have taught this real sense of appreciation of our great country to each of my children, and shared, with my family and friends, that pride I feel in the uniqueness of being an American.

But pride is not purpose, and that brings me to the reasons for writing this letter. I am proposing to all my friends, my children, (three of them are now teaching in New Jersey schools), my family, and to all who will hear me, that each of them make a personal commitment of faith in their country. My husband and I plan to tithe one percent of our annual income, as do my friends and others, to a citizens' fund to be dedicated to helping the poor, underprivileged and not so fortunate of our country.

Let me explain, that at this moment we are working with the germ of the idea, i.e., enlisting not necessarily affluent Americans, but Americans dedicated to a personal commitment of investing a portion of their income as an act of appreciation, gratitude, faith and purpose for the American way of life.

At this point, we have not evolved beyond the pledge to tithe a portion of our income. We have not organized any leadership, set up any committees, or named prominent citizens to head up an organization for this purpose.

235 Pittman Avenue
Pittman, New Jersey
June 5, 1968

The Hon. Lyndon B. Johnson
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear President Johnson:

Today, I was shocked to read in my morning paper in
great paper column, the comment: "the country we call
America." Since reading this distorted comment, I have dedicated many hours
to thinking about the situation this great nation is in
confronting following the assassination of Robert F. Kennedy.

I thank you for your guiding words before the television
camera Wednesday night, when you so wisely helped to set a course
of reason, rather than suggest a blanket condemnation of 300 million
Americans for the act of one crazed and misguided unfortunate.

I love my country. I am proud to say I'm a first generation
American, genuinely aware of all the good things I have been able
to gain as an American citizen. I hope I have taught this real
sense of appreciation of our great country to each of my children,
and shared with my family and friends, that pride I feel in the
uniqueness of being an American.

But pride is not purpose, and that brings me to the reasons
for writing this letter. I am proposing to all my friends, my
children, (three of them are now teaching in New Jersey schools),
my family, and to all who will hear me, that each of them make a
personal commitment of faith in their country. My husband and I
plan to give one percent of our annual income, as do my friends
and others, to a citizens' fund to be dedicated to helping the
poor, underprivileged and not so fortunate of our country.

Let me explain, that at this moment we are working with the
idea of a citizens' fund, i.e., existing not necessarily affluent Americans,
dedicated to a personal commitment of investing a
portion of their income as an act of appreciation, gratitude, faith
in the American way of life.

At this point, we have not evolved beyond the pledge to give
a portion of our income. We have not organized any leadership,
set up any committees, or named prominent citizens to head up an
organization for this purpose.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

The Hon. Lyndon B. Johnson
Washington, D. C.

June 6, 1968
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We will need guidance. We will need organization, which we hope will be minimal. We look and hope for an escape from the organizational format of beauracy, but recognize the necessity of leadership. Above all, we will want assurance that our tithes will be spent for the purposes for which they were dedicated: the cause of righting some of the ills of our great nation.

May I trouble you for a few minutes of your time and ask that you review the possibilities of this grass roots proposal. Perhaps weigh the merits and negative values of this idea, and advise us of your support or criticisms, so that we may be guided accordingly.

We have all pledged allegiance to the United States of America thousands of times, we hope to have the privilege of pledging our faith in the U.S.A., in a direct and meaningful manner.

I pray for a strong America. A nation that survives each crisis with a renewed sense of purpose for the democratic principles we believe are the rightful inheritance of each American.

May God be with you and with us in the quest for peace.

Sincerely yours,



(Mrs. V. Eugene Vivian)

NTV:mb

Enc.

P.S. Our new address as of June 26 will be:
Box 2230, R.D. #2. Browns Mills, New Jersey 08015.

The pressures of packing and moving prevented me from doing more to secure endorsement of a Citizens Fund for Americans from many of our friends and relatives. But, I can report enthusiastic support from all those with whom I discussed this proposal.

We, the undersigned, do hereby pledge to tithe one per-cent of our annual income to a CITIZENS' FUND for AMERICA dedicated to helping all Americans regardless of creed or color to attain:
"....a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity..."

V. Eugene and Norma T. Vivian

C. Joseph Waring

Syeda + Syed M. Hussain

Roger + Sheila Raimist

Lester M. and Elizabeth Burce

Marguerite A. Burce

Vera De Prince

Reene Thicker

Jos. E. Campbell

Louis and Joan (Vivian) Moleno

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JL3/Kennedy,
Robert F.
PR2/ST47

July 2, 1968

Dear Mrs. Fothergill:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for the letters from your second graders which he received through the courtesy of Senator Jackson. Please convey to them his appreciation for wanting to share their thoughts with him in an hour of terrible tragedy.

Such compassion on the part of these children reflects the finest in our heritage. Perhaps Linda, Ronald and Robert would like to have the proclamation the President issued at the time. Copies are enclosed, with the President's gratitude and warmest good wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Kathryn J. Fothergill
21635 31st Avenue South
Kent, Washington 98031

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June 28, 1968

Dear Scoop:

Thank you for making available to the President the letters from the pupils of Mrs. Kathryn Fothergill's second grade class.

We appreciate your interest in seeing that these letters reached us.

Sincerely,

Mike

Mike Manatos
Administrative Assistant
to the President

Honorable Henry M. Jackson
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

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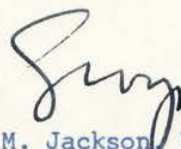
Mr. Mike N. Manatos
Administrative Assistant
to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mike:

Enclosed are copies of letters I have received from Mrs. Kathryn J. Fothergill, a second grade teacher in the Seattle school system, and letters which her students wanted sent on to the President.

I wrote to Mrs. Fothergill today advising her that I was forwarding them to the White House.

Sincerely yours,


Henry M. Jackson, U.S.S.

HMJ:dz

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COMMITTEE ON
INTERNAL SECURITY AND RELATED MATTERS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20540

June 17, 1968

Mr. Mike W. Mangos
Administrative Assistant
to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mike:

Enclosed are copies of letters I have received
from Mrs. Kathryn J. Fothergill, a second grade teacher
in the Seattle school system, and letters which her
assistants wanted sent on to the President.

I wrote to Mrs. Fothergill today advising her
that I was forwarding them to the White House.

Sincerely yours,

Henry M. Jackson, U.S.S.

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June 6, 1968

Dear Senator Jackson:

Tonight I realize unhappily that my letter of last night requires an addendum. This morning, one of my boys asked me if Senator Kennedy had read the letters before he had died. He, of course, had no concept of the time required for mailing letters, and it didn't dawn on him that Robert Kennedy had remained unconscious. Another child had another question: What was I going to do with their letters? Of course, we had another discussion, and together we decided that another letter should be written today. Therefore, in this group of second grade letters which I have sent to you for the children, there are two different sets. The children want those concerned to know that they were thinking of them during their long hours of waiting and during their present grief.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely yours,

Kathryn J. Fothergill

Kathryn J. Fothergill

JUN 12 1968

21635 31st Ave. So.
Kent, Washington 98031
June 5, 1968

Senator Henry M. Jackson
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Jackson:

Along with the bulk of our country, my husband and I are deeply troubled tonight. It seems that we are reliving a nightmare of four and a half years ago. And as a teacher in the Highline Public Schools, it was very difficult for me to face my job this morning. I wasn't happy, and anyone could tell that from looking at my face.

As we did earlier this spring, in March, my second graders and I had a discussion about what happened to Senator Robert F. Kennedy last midnight. Before, we had discussed the tragic slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. In March, we had discussed the deeper ramifications of prejudice. We had discussed non-violence. For me, it was a very rewarding experience. These children, largely from middle-class homes, with very little close contact with Negroes, spoke from their hearts, and they had a lot to say. Today we spoke of last night's mistake. What was there to say? The children were excited about the last week of school, and yet there was this heavy burden of unhappiness on their shoulders. They spoke of Mrs. Kennedy, and of the ten Kennedy children. They felt very sorry for the family.

Then the children decided that instead of writing a happy vacation story, today, they should write what they felt about the situation. We talked about writing letters, and I told them that if they wanted to write letters, I would be glad to mail them. Most of the children elected to write letters, rather than stories, and they gave me several names of individuals to whom they could write. What they have written is completely, or almost completely, voluntary. I suggested that they start by telling how old they were. The letters are addressed to President Johnson, Senator Robert Kennedy, and to Mrs. Ethel Kennedy. There is also one letter addressed to you.

What I would like to know is if you can make sure that these letters are read by President Johnson and the Kennedy family. Perhaps that request is not phrased properly. At any rate, I should like to send these letters to you, in hopes that the people for whom they are meant can read them. Could you please advise me as to the best approach to take? The children's thoughts are important to them, and they feel that their ideas are helpful to our public officials.

Today I asked my children how many of their parents owned guns, and I was amazed at the high number. We discussed the importance of their not investigating these weapons on their own. But it is difficult to teach morals to our children today when they witness two sensational murders within two months' time, and when they hear of the terrible rioting throughout the world. I am sure that you have thought of this, too, in these sobering hours, but as a Washingtonian, now, I thought I would send my thoughts to you.

I shall appreciate any help you can give me in my request.

Sincerely yours,

Kathryn E. Fothergill

Kathryn E. Fothergill



June 6, 1968

Dear President Johnson,

I am 8 years old, and I am in the second
Grade. I am sorry that Robert Kennedy
passed away. President Johnson! your speeches are

wonderful.

Sincerely, Robert Carpine.



June 5, 1968

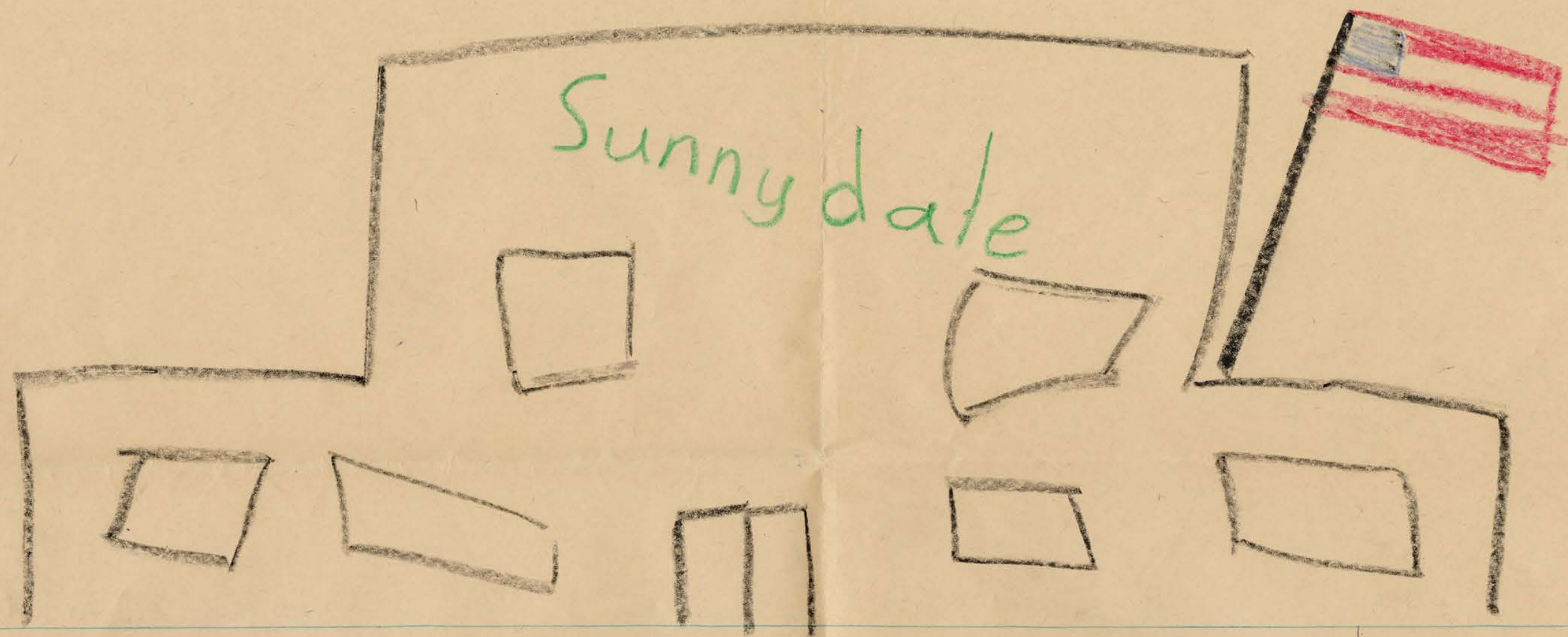
Dear President Johnson

I am 8 years old, and I am in the second grade.

I won't peace and you won't peace

to we all won't peace now.

Love Ronald



June 5, 1968

Dear President Johnson,

I am 7 years old, and I am
in second grade. I feel very unhappy
because Senator Kennedg is hert.

And I know that the mother feel very
sad because Senator Kennedy is hurt.

And feel sad too. The one that
shot him is very naughty. I liked
Senator Kennedy. And I bet you do too.
Love, Linda Storey

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GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy, Robert F.

July 1, 1968

Dear Mrs. Dunleavy:

President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness in writing following his speech of June 5.

It was good of you to let him have your comments, and he asked that I convey to you his thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Joseph T. ⁺Dunleavy
155 East Godfrey Avenue
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19120

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My Dear President:

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RMS This letter is to
thank you for your kind
and true words of last
evening when you said
200 million Americans
were not to blame for
the present conditions
in our country.

A lot of Senators
and Congressmen could
find blame by looking
in the mirror. With the
size and power of our
country in the world
today; government leaders
should at least be in

agreement on foreign
policy in their public
statements if not privately
and this castigating of
one another at primary
times of men within
even the same party is
unforgivable.

Sen. Mansfield
asks; can candidates
be able to go to the
people without fear of
their lives. I ask can
the people go to them
without fear of theirs,
fine people were shot
the other morning.

Sincerely
Mrs. Jos. T. Dunleavy

July 1, 1968

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JL3/Kennedy RF

Dear Mr. Van Deventer:

President Johnson deeply appreciated the confidence reflected in your letter. He asked me to thank you -- and to reassure you of his lasting commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice for all men.

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Robert Z. Van Deventer
Box 34
Daylestown, Ohio 44230

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GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy, Robt. F.
JL3/King, Martin Luther

July 1, 1968

Dear Mr. Dreher:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for sharing with him your grief, concern and resolve at a time of tragedy. As you requested, your message has been conveyed to the Kennedy family and Mrs. King.

Your hope that renewed purpose will grow from our national sorrow is more than shared by the President. In his words:

"This is a moment for all Americans to join hands and walk together through this dark night of common anguish into a new dawn of healing unity."

You have the President's gratitude and the pledge of his untiring efforts to reach the day when freedom and justice prevail for all men.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Richard Allen Dreher
8745 Goddard
Overland Park, Kansas 66214

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Mr. President, though you may never read this on television, or publically, though you are certainly welcome to use any or all of it; I would like copies of it sent to the following people, as I don't know their addresses: (1) The Robert Kennedy Family, (2) The Ted Kennedy Family, and (3) Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Family. I hope this letter will be a comfort to the bereaved, a lesson to our now and future leaders, and a message of importance to all Americans. There are only three Americans who could read this aloud and convey its true meaning. They would be; (1) you, Mr. President, (2) Senator Ted Kennedy, who delivered a very fitting eulogy in behalf of his brother, and (3) Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr. Thank you.

June 22, 1968

(Written on June 8, 1968)

President Lyndon B. Johnson
White House
Washington D. C.

Dear President Johnson:

A few weeks ago as I watched a train carrying the body of our beloved fellow American, Robert Francis Kennedy to his final resting place in Arlington Cemetery, I cannot help but think as I swallowed a lump in my throat, along with millions of other Americans, that Bobby Kennedy did not die in vain. Though, we don't know or are able to comprehend, why such great men as Bobby Kennedy have to die by an assassin's bullet; did he, like his great brother whom we all loved and admired as our nation's president, die without a purpose? Did our black brother, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., also die without a purpose? I don't believe so anymore than I believe that a young carpenter from Judea died without a purpose.

The Year, 1968, has been an eventful one in American History. Also, it has been a year of purpose.

Have not the black people of our land lost one of their great leaders with the death of Dr. King?

Have not the white people of our land lost one of their great leaders with the death of Bobby Kennedy? Have not these two great men died for what they believed in? Are we, the black and white people not sharing equal sorrows, in 1968?

June 22, 1968

(Written on June 8, 1968)

Both of these great men loved humanity and freedom for all men. Is not the toll of losses equal to both races? Is it not time that we should unite our country into a purposeful bond of fellowship? Did these men die in vain? No, they died for a purpose. That purpose is love of humanity, freedom for all men, and a sincere desire for world peace.

In the immortal "Battle Hymn of the Republic", one stanza applies to all these great men—"As He died to make men holy let us die to make men free." This is the main purpose for which they gave their lives. Let us, the now living, change the words to "Let us Live to make men free." These men lived and died to make men free. Let us live for this purpose—to make men free.

We are Americans, united under God. We must unite and strike out against hatred, ignorance, inharmony, bitterness, and evil. Every American needs to arm himself with powerful weapons such as love, which conquers all, understanding which wipes out ignorance, brotherhood which gives us strength by safety in numbers, loyalty to our flag, country and its leaders which gives us courage and a purpose to stand up for what we believe, and last, but not least, a reaffirming of our Faith in the Lord Almighty, without whose blessings and forgiveness, ours or no other country can, or will survive.

As we go to the polls in November to vote for our nation's leaders, let us each in his own way say a prayer for them, that they will be given wisdom to make the important decisions of America's future and will put these purposes before politics.

June 22, 1968

(Written on June 8, 1968)

Also, may the American voting for his candidate never consider his ballot a "death warrant" for that candidate, but know, instead, he is electing a person who will help unite all Americans in a feeling of unity and brotherhood, remembering that personal hatreds and insane malices are a thing of history—a lesson learned not to show how good or bad security measures were for a public official, but a lesson learned to show what human ignorance and hatred can do.

In St. Patrick's Cathedral, were at least three widows, whose husbands died for freedom's cause. Behind every great man is a great woman. These great women were united to these men in a bond of love. An assassin's bullet cannot kill these bonds of love, nor does it kill the purposes for which these men lived. These purposes live on.

The three assassins are not to be hated. It is their hatred which gave them courage to pull the triggers which took the lives of these great Americans. Instead, feel pity for the minority of this small portion of our society which is sick, weak, and cowardly; who would shoot down a fellow human being without first allowing him the opportunity to defend himself.

Mr. President, one of your first duties in office was to lower Old Glory for one of these great men, John F. Kennedy, a second time for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and once again for Robert F. Kennedy. America will not forget these tasks you regretfully had to do during your term in office. We know the job you have, leader of the greatest nation in the world, is a tough and trying one. It is one with few pats on the back and often heartaches.

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June 22, 1968

(Written on June 8, 1968)

These men did their job also, with a spirit of enthusiasm, a feeling of pride for their country, and a uniting of all Americans into a bond of brotherhood and unity. Does their enthusiasm, pride of country, and feeling of unity have to be buried with their caskets, or will their spirits live on?

Fellow Americans, this is not a eulogy for these great Americans. Instead, this letter is written to show that 1968 has been a year of purpose and awakening. We have been daydreaming too long. Wake up, America. We have overslept. Let's get up and go to work— together.

We must work for national unity and world peace. These men mentioned above and countless other Americans have died for peace. Let you and I live for it. "United we stand, divided we fall."

Sincerely,



Richard Allen Dreher

8745 Goddard

Overland Park, Kansas 66214

June 22, 1968

(Written on April, 1961)

Eulogy of John Fitzgerald Kennedy

To a gallant leader, sailor, and martyr,
In memory thereof.

Who stood for freedom, good will, world peace,
and most of all, brotherly love.

The sea of life sometimes fills with waves of sorrow,
For mortal man knows not always what storm comes tomorrow.

Twass on a Friday, a Black Friday, that we lost this
wonderful man,
The world united in sorrow as the tragic news did span.

To pay last tribute came friends from over the world,
Bearing flags of their countries, some at half mast unfurled.

As they lowered this great man into Arlington sod,
I thought of a Bible Verse, Matthew 5:9, which says,
"Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called
children of God."

So on that day our planet mourned united,
As the light of eternity by his grave was lighted.

May that little light be a symbol of peace,
and extinguish never,
In memory of John Fitzgerald Kennedy whose immortal words
and deeds will live forever.

by

Richard Allen Dreher

8745 Goddard

Overland Park, Kansas 66214

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JL3 / Kennedy R.F.

July 1, 1968

Dear Dr. Kleinstiver:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your letter. Please be sure that your comments have been fully noted.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Dr. B. J. Kleinstiver
528 Pamela Lane
Kirkwood, Missouri 63122

Enclosure: 6/24 Message to Congress.

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July 1, 1968

Dear Mrs. Brown:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your letter. Please be sure that your comments have been fully noted.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Alice Clapp Brown
321 Southwest 13th Street
Gainesville, Florida 32601

GENERAL

June 29, 1968

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JL3/Kennedy,
Robert F.

Dear Mrs. Crowley:

Thank you for your letter to President Johnson. Your interest in writing is both appreciated and understood.

Our nominating processes and such aspects of our political system as the electoral college receive continuing attention from Congress and the Executive branch of government, as well as party organizations. Those states which conduct Presidential preference primaries, such as Indiana, do so in accordance with their own laws. And as you know, the manner of choosing and apportioning national convention delegates is subject to decision -- and debate -- within each state.

The idea of a nationwide primary is again under active study. For his part, the President welcomes the views of every citizen as the pros and cons are deliberated.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Allie Crowley
1422 Parrett Street
Evansville, Indiana 47713

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June 28, 1968

JL3 / Kennedy R.F.

Dear Sheila:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter. He mourns with you, and with the nation, the tragic loss of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

Because of your interest in more stringent gun controls, you may want to read the President's message to Congress on "The People's Right to Protection." The enclosed copy comes to you with his appreciation.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Sheila Schwartz
143 Hewlett Neck Road
Woodmere, New York 11598

Enclosure: Message to Congress 6/24/68

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June 28, 1968

JL3/Kennedy RF.

Dear Miss Thompson:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter. He mourns with you, and with the nation, the tragic loss of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

Because of your interest in more stringent gun controls, you may want to read the President's message to Congress on "The People's Right to Protection." The enclosed copy comes to you with his appreciation.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Miss Constance Thompson
4143 Phoenix Street
Concord, California 94521

Enclosure: Message to Congress 6/24/68

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June 28, 1968

JL3/Kennedy RF.

Dear Mr. Williams:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter. He mourns with you, and with the nation, the tragic loss of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

Because of your interest in more stringent gun controls, you may want to read the President's message to Congress on "The People's Right to Protection." The enclosed copy comes to you with his appreciation.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. John H. Williams
Apartment 6
2329 Carling Drive
Madison, Wisconsin 53711

Enclosure: Message to Congress 6/24/68

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JL3 / Kennedy R.F.

June 28, 1968

Dear Mrs. Hall:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter. He mourns with you, and with the nation, the tragic loss of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

Because of the interest you expressed, you may want to read the President's statement of June 19 and message of June 24 on crime and gun controls. The enclosed copies come to you with his best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Ruth H. Hall
100 Main Street
Fishkill, New York 12524

Enclosures: Crime Statement 6/19/68; Message to Congress 6/24/68

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JL3/Kennedy R.F.

June 28, 1968

Dear Mr. Berthiaume:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter. He mourns with you, and with the nation, the tragic loss of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

Because of the interest you expressed, you may want to read the President's statement of June 19 and message of June 24 on crime and gun controls. The enclosed copies come to you with his best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. David E. Berthiaume
Apartment 103
6600 Havenhurst
Van Nuys, California 91406

Enclosures: Crime Statement 6/19/68; Message to Congress 6/24/68

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David E. Berthiaume
6600 Havenhurst #103
Van Nuys, California
91406

The President of the United States
White House
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

It seems inconceivable that in a country so rich in economic and personal liberties, as the United States, that persons unable to accept another's ideology must resort to a violent means of restraining that ideology.

Within our system of government we have established methods to redress grievances and to work out differences in political programs including the procedures by which these programs should be carried out, but it seems that these methods and procedures are not sufficient nor speedy enough to suffice for certain members of our society. These members feel as though the only channel left is direct action, or in other words complete removal of the opposition from society. Must we always accept the fact that a small percentage of the masses is capable of such action?

At present there seems to be no tenable method of positive protection of public figures outside of placing them in a non-destructible glass case when they are to make public appearances.

In what light can we promote "democracy" to the so called "backward"; "poor" and "savage" nations through out the world if we do not curb these violent occurrences as seen in the past and present within our own nation. President Kennedy, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and other of less public stature have been assassinated in our city streets. The most recent of the victims, Senator Robert Kennedy, was struck down by an assassin's bullet, 5 June 1968, moments after a primary election victory speech. Senator Kennedy now joins the list of great Americans who have met such violent ends.

It does seem conceivable that if the populace of this United States were to participate to a greater degree, using the prescribed methods established by our constitutional system, in the problems plaguing our times we may be able to preclude this trend of violence and destruction. Everyone may then be afforded the right to "Life, Liberty and Property", that we, as Americans, so fervently profess.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "David E. Berthiaume". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

David E. Berthiaume

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June 28, 1968

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Dear Mrs. Fitzpatrick:

The President asked me to thank you for your letter. He mourns with you, and with the nation, the tragic loss of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

It was thoughtful of you to tell the President about your efforts to promote friendship and understanding with the children of Korea and to give him an opportunity to see the pictures and clippings. He believes that such people-to-people projects are most important and vital, if we are to have peace and good will among the people of the world.

I am returning your enclosures since it is felt that you may want to retain them.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Will Sparks
Assistant to
the President

Mrs. Alma L. Fitzpatrick
1525 Sunrise Drive
Clarkston, Washington 99403

Enclosures: Clippings and snapshots returned.

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JL3/Kennedy, Robt F.
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July 6, 1968

Dear Professor and Mrs. Surace:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter. He mourns with you, and with the nation, the tragic loss of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

Because of the interest you expressed, you may want to read the President's statement of June 19 and message of June 24 on crime and gun controls. The enclosed copies come to you with his best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

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Professor and Mrs. Samuel J. Surace
University of California
Los Angeles, California 90024

Enclosures: Crime Statement 6/19/68; Message to Congress 6/24/68

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U.S. Citizens Abroad

Via San Frediano, 2
40136 Bologna
Italia
June 18, 1968

President Lyndon Johnson
The White House
U.S.A.

Dear President Johnson:

Having spent this past year in Italy as a visiting scholar, I, and my wife, have had to lament and agonize over the American tragedies from a-far. We have learned, too, at first hand, how quickly conditions in the U.S. affect conditions in Europe. The tragic assassination of Senator Kennedy has lost us many former friends and supporters among the Italian public. The many politicians, scholars, and writers we have met here are all expressing a deep loss of faith in American democracy and leadership. I wish it would be possible for you to read the many letters we have received from all over Italy and Europe asking why? why?

We know that you feel this tragedy very deeply, both as our President and personally, and we wish to support you and urge you^{to} continue fighting for an effective gun law. The present bills are a mockery. We cannot understand how our representatives continue to ignore what an overwhelming majority of Americans desire, namely, effective controls over firearm acquisition.

Sincerely yours,

Professor and Mrs. Samuel J. Surace
University of California, Los Angeles, California 90024

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GENERAL

IL3/Kennedy, Robt. F.
FG 795

July 1, 1968

Dear Mr. Jameson:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter. He deeply appreciates your interest in a matter of grave concern to every American.

Your comments have been carefully noted and are being brought directly to the attention of the National Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence.

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Paul L. Jameson^{*}
Route 3
Holton, Kansas 66436

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Pres. Lyndon B. Johnson
Washington D. C.

Dear Mr. Johnson;

The Terrible tragedy of
last week came as an awful shock
to every decent citizen. I wish to
commend you for your well worded
appeal to the nation to put an
end to violence and lawlessness; and
also for your appointment of a
commission to study the cause of
violence.

I feel compelled to express
directly to you my firm conviction
that the violence shown in so many
motion pictures and TV programs tends
to cheapen life in the minds of viewers.
I sincerely urge that this commission
give serious consideration to this problem.
Perhaps an appeal to the patriotism

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of producers, to make use of their
great opportunity to bring to
people constructive inspiration
rather than a demoralizing type
of entertainment, would be effective.
If this would not work I would
favor a strict censorship; for I
feel we can not afford to continue
~~permissible~~ allowing violence to be presented
as an acceptable way of life

Respectfully
Mrs. Paul L. Jameson

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GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy, Robt. F.

June 29, 1968

Dear Mrs. Henney:

President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness in writing following his speech of June 5th.

It was good of you to let him have your comments, and he asked that I convey to you his thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Jack Henney⁺ (Deloris D. Henney)
1115 G Street
Fairbury, Nebraska 68352

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The Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson
President of the U. S. of America
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear President Johnson:

As you
spoke to the Nation under the
shadow of our most recent
tragedy, I was proud of you
as our President.

May the thoughts you
expressed take root in the
conscience of the citizens of
the United States so that
in place of criticism there
will be concern, and in
place of apathy there will be
constructive action.

Sincerely,

Deloris Dudman Henney
(Mrs. Jack Henney)

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GENERAL

IL3/Kennedy, Robt. F.

June 28, 1968

Dear Mrs. Markus:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter. He mourns with you, and with the nation, the tragic loss of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

Your comments have also been noted in regard to the other matters you mention, and your interest in letting him have your views and suggestions is appreciated.

In view of your interest, I am sending you the enclosed releases.

With the President's gratitude for your kind personal sentiments, and with his best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Margaret M. ⁺Markus
803 South Haines Avenue
Alliance, Ohio 44601

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June 8, 1968
Saturday 2:00 P.M.

Dear President Johnson:

Like most of the world, I spent most of this morning watching the last rites for Senator Robert Kennedy; and like all who watched or participated, I feel utterly exhausted, bewildered, puzzled, wondering where to turn for help. And though I have complete trust in Divine Providence, felt the need to sit down and write you, our leader through all this.

I want to say how much it helped to see and hear you on Television, how much my admiration and respect for you has grown. I, too, have done my share of criticizing, but feel while you went into office just another politician, you have surely become one of our greatest presidents, and Americans, and I felt proud, and ashamed for complaining.

But, I am writing to just send a couple of suggestions, in addition to the gun control, which is very inadequate, maybe another source of our trouble, lies in violence and crime on TV, and the movies. I have a large family, seven children, the middle children have already been "brain-washed", I guess they would call it, much as I try conscientiously control their reading habits and viewing. They are, as an age group, insubordinate, headstrong, and can only wonder what effect all this will have on their adult life. The youngest, of my family, are eight year old twins, and they are in a group too, which has seen too much unrest. But, can't we do something to bring some peace and harmony in their lives? Believe me, I can only guess what your problems are, and the dark forces that are working against you and our country. We must try to emphasize the finer nature of people.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter, (if it reaches you, at all), and just want to add that you might reconsider your decision to run for office again. Think you may have become a "veteran", and can give us the benefit of wisdom which comes with these trying experiences.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Margaret M. Markus

Mrs. Margaret Markus
803 S. Haines Avenue
Alliance, Ohio
44601

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GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy,
Robert F.

JL3

June 27, 1968

Dear Mr. Belmont:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your letter and thank you for writing at this time of tragedy. He, too, is deeply concerned over lawlessness in our country. Because of the interest you expressed, you may want to read his statement of June 19 and Message of June 24 on crime and gun controls.

The President is very proud of our loyal servicemen who, like your son, bear the hardships of this struggle for freedom. It is his daily prayer that we may soon know the peace for which the world so desperately yearns.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. R. L. X Belmont
3167 Daisy Avenue
Long Beach, California 90806

Enclosures Crime stmt of 6/19; message to Congress 6/24/69.

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Mr. R. L. Belmont.
3167 Daisy ave.
Long Beach, Calif.
90806

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President Johnson,

I disagree with you when you said -
"only one man pulled the trigger to
kill Mr. Kennedy."

This country is honeycombed with
shitty, rotten filthy bigots who would
have done the same thing if they
had had a gun at the right
moment.

The United States of America has
become The United Sadists of
America.

I am a salesman and on my
monthly trip to San Diego this
week a chivist said - "well a
bullet in the head is something
Kennedy can't buy his way out
of."

You have done your best to
tighten the illegal gun sales
in this country but to no
avail.

What in the hell is the use of
having a president if they won't

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listen to you at least concerning
this issue.

I disagree with you on foreign
issues but I'm for you 100% on
the issues here at home.

When my son returned recently
from Viet Nam a group of punks
threw rocks at the boys as
they were getting off the plane.

Since my boy has returned home
other G.I.s stationed in Texas
"ride them" and "taunt them" because
they are Viet Nam vets.

Sadism is rampant here in the
military service.

I sincerely believe our trouble today
is with the far right wing
element rather than the left wing.

I understand calls & letters of sympathy
came from Moscow over the tragic
inevitable deaths of Mr.

Kennedy and Mr. King while
in this country remarks are
made daily up lifting the deaths

Of these two great Americans.

It is hard to believe that we are living in a country where our children can buy pot on almost any corner and filthy filth our news stands and book store racks. I am speaking of filth that caters to every known type of sexual deviate in existence. Even though these books are not sold directly to children they get a hold of them by having adults make loans for them.

Have you noticed that the Jews seem to be responsible for most of the filth and the illegal sale of guns in this country? (No I am not a Nazi) just stating facts.

If they won't let the president of the U.S. clean up this mess then it is time for the few good American Citizens that are left to do so by force. Sincerely, Belmont
Mr. R. L. Belmont

GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy,
Rabt 4.

JL3/King

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June 28, 1968

Dear Specialist Boscoe:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for giving him your thoughts on matters of critical concern to every American. He is very much aware of the distress that lawlessness in this country may cause to you who are bravely serving the Nation's cause abroad.

Because of the interest you expressed, the President asked that I send you the enclosed release about the National Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence which he established, his remarks when he signed the Safe Streets and Crime Control Act, and his Message to Congress on "The People's Right to Protection." There are no easy solutions to the problems that confront us today, but they can be overcome when our hearts and minds are put to the task. You can be sure the image of America which you cherish will not fade.

You and those who serve with you have the President's warm good wishes and the pledge of his lasting commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

SP/4 Jay A. Boscoe
RA 16915802
Food Service
106 General Hospital
APO San Francisco 96503

Enclosures Ex Order 6/10 re NCCPV; P's rms of 6/19
re crime; and Message of 6/24 re right to Protection.
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10 June '68

Dear Sir;

I am an american fighting man helping to protect our great country from the oppressors of the world.

I sometimes think, "what am I doing here. am I really accomplishing anything".

at present, I am stationed in Japan and my only real contact with the states is by the armed forces radio network. I was listening to the radio when Dr. King and Senator Robert Kennedy died as a result of an assassins bullets. It is a real tragedy to resort to violence just because a man disagrees with your views or beliefs voiced or not.

It is a remarkable man

who can stand up and speak out on what he considers to be wrong among a mass that is content to just sit back and let 'someone else' take care of the problem.

I hope these tragedies do not stifle those from speaking out against evils and wrong doings.

All of my friends are very saddened by the deaths of Dr. King and Senator Kennedy whether they agreed or not with their viewpoints and policies.

It is my hope when returning to the United States, that I can lay my sword down and not have to lift it against my neighbor.

Signed Avery ^[Envi.] Concerd
Soldier

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P.S. Thank you for listening to me.

June 26, 1968

General
~~SP-3-236/ST~~

JL3/Kennedy, R.E.

Dear Mr. Stevens:

President Johnson deeply appreciated the confidence reflected in your letter at this time of terrible sorrow. He asked me to thank you -- and to reassure you of his lasting commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice for all men.

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Richard ^XStevens
140 South Clark Drive
Beverly Hills, California 90211

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Dear President Johnson;

I just wanted to tell you how proud I was of you during this terrible time.

I think you did everything possible to help the family and your presence in New York and Washington was a great comfort to me.

I know the burden you carry must be more than anyone can bear.

I watched all day Saturday and was glad to see you give strength by your very presence.

God Bless you and keep you well and safe.

Sincerely,

(140 S. CLARK DR.
BEVERLY HILLS, CALIF 90211)

Richard Stevens

cc/

GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy, Robert (1)
LE/JL3.
PR14/ST32

June 25, 1968

Dear Mr. Viggiano:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you and those who joined with you for your letters at this time of terrible sorrow. In his words:

"The tragedy and the senseless violence of Robert F. Kennedy's death cast a deep shadow of grief across America and across the world."

The President more than shares your concern over lawlessness in a nation that has and must always draw strength from the decency and dedication of its people. Time and again he has called upon Congress to enact genuinely effective gun control legislation. You may want to read in full his message of June 6 to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate. The enclosed copy comes to you with the President's appreciation for your interest -- and his hope for your active support in this urgent cause.

Your comments have also been noted in regard to the other matters you mention.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

x
Mr. Frank Viggiano, Jr.
54 Winchester Avenue
Yonkers, New York 10710

Enclosure: (President's June 6, 1968 letter to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate.)

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Yonkers, New York
June 10, 1968

President Lyndon B. Johnson
White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Johnson:

We Yonkers educators, feel that the ideals of Senator Kennedy represent goals for our country to aspire to.

Therefore, we would like to express our support for three issues in which he believed.

1. effective gun control legislation on a Federal basis.

2. increased domestic spending for education and improvement of living conditions in poverty areas.

3. tax reforms to make our tax system more equitable and just

[closing up so many "loopholes."]

Yours truly,

— Genevieve M. Madonna
(1936 E. Tremont Ave.)
(Bronx, N.Y. 10462)

— Rosemarie Veggiano
(54 Winchester Ave., Yonkers)

— Maria Sarantis
(185 Bronx River Rd.)
(Yonkers, N.Y. 10704)

— Sandra Kraus
(2710 Valentine Ave., Bronx)

— Josephine Gorman
(211 W. Orlano Ave.)
(Yonkers, N.Y. 10704)

— Ida D. Crank
(165 Haines Rd.)
(Bedford Hills, N.Y. 10507)

— Estelle A. Bradley
(1 Midland Place)
(Tuckahoe, N.Y. 10707)

— Joan Rooney
(200 Beacon Hill Dr. N.Y.)
(Dobbs Ferry 10522)

— Barbara Clark
(14 E. 73rd St.)
(N.Y.C. 10021)

— Ida Curry
(281 Coventry Rd. N.Y.)
(West Hempstead, N.Y. 11552)

— Dorothea J. Days
(25 Boulevard)
(New Rochelle, N.Y. 10801)

— Sheila Brecher
(3220 Netherland Avenue)
(Riverdale 63, N.Y. 10463)

— Margery Thayer
(678 Warburton Ave.)
(Yonkers, N.Y. 10701)

— Francine Bernei
(21 Rugby Rd.)
(Yonkers, N.Y. 10710)

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Frank Viggiano, Jr.
Yonkers, New York 10710
June 8, 1968

President Johnson
White House
Washington, D.C.
Dear Sir:

Let not Senator Kennedy
die in vain! At least let us
attempt to stem this horrendous
violence in some slight way —
by passing effective gun control
legislation. Certainly no one
can dispute the fact that the
need is present!

Roy Joseph Capobianco	54 Winchester Ave.	Frank Viggiano, Jr.
Elena Capobianco		Rosemarie Viggiano
Roy Capobianco	34 First St.	Maryanne L. Viggiano
Catherine Viggiano		James Capobianco
Frank Viggiano		Janet Viggiano
179 Saratoga Ave.	42 Cedar Place	Joseph M. Viggiano
Alice Jaffe 34 Bryant Rd.		

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GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy,
Robert F.
LE/JL3

June 28, 1968

Dear Mr. Rosen:

Through the courtesy of Mr. Hal Tanenbaum, the President has learned of your swift action, following the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, to turn over your supply of guns and ammunition to the Columbus Police Department. He asked me to convey to you his appreciation for this generous and voluntary expression of support for legislation and gun control and the protection for our citizens. Your action is indeed praiseworthy, and you have the President's thanks and warm best wishes.

You might like to have the enclosed releases on the subject.

Sincerely,

Will Sparks
Assistant to
the President

Mr. Marty J. X Rosen
President
X J-Mart's, Inc.
2945 Westerville Road
Columbus, Ohio 43224

Enclosures : Rel of 6/19/68, P's statement on signing the Crime Control Act of 1968; 2 rels of 6/24/68, Msg to Congress and P's statement on Gun Control.

cc: Mr. Hal X Tanenbaum
973 South Cassingham Road
Columbus, Ohio 43209

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Mr. Bradshaw:

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Pls prepare WRS ltrs obh of the President
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Many thanks,
Eliska Hasek, Rm. 10-1/2 EOB 6/19/68

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11 June 1968

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Mr. President,

Enclosed is an item from the Columbus, Ohio paper which may be of great interest to you. The story and advertisement relate the action of one man and his firm in the wake of the Kennedy assassination.

It is my personal opinion that this man, Marty J. Rosen, president of the J-Mart's Family Discount Centers, should be singled out for recognition. Mr. Rosen cleared all small arms from his four stores and DONATED the entire inventory to the Columbus Police Department. His action is obviously more than mere lip service!

Respectfully,

Hal Tanenbaum

Hal Tanenbaum
973 S. Cassingham Rd.
Columbus, Ohio 43209

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Washington, D.C.

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Columbus Police Department. His action is obviously more than

mere lip service!

Respectfully,



Hal Tammam
973 S. Cassingham Rd.
Columbus, Ohio 43209

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THE WHITE HOUSE

*This ad appeared in the Columbus Dispatch
JUNE 11, 1968*

J-MART'S STOPS ALL GUN SALES!



J-MART'S INC.

2945 WESTERVILLE ROAD, COLUMBUS, OHIO 43224
(Formerly American Victory Sales, Inc.)

AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FROM MARTY J. ROSEN, PRESIDENT
OF THE COLUMBUS OWNED J-MART'S FAMILY DISCOUNT CENTERS

On Friday, June 7, 1968, J-Mart's donated their entire massive inventory of small arms, handguns, ammunition and related items to the Columbus Police Department for whatever disposition they choose to make.

Further, it is the decision of the undersigned to permanently eliminate the sale of these weapons from all J-Mart's Family Discount Centers. It is my decision to remove the possibility of supplying anyone with the means to cause bodily harm, inadvertently or by intent, not only to our dedicated public leaders but to any one regardless of station in life.

It is my hope that this action will encourage public support for sane legislation banning unrestricted gun sales immediately. In this way we can assist Local and Federal Agencies in their efforts to maintain law and order in this great country of ours.

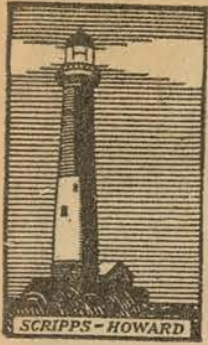
A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Marty J. Rosen".

MARTY J. ROSEN
President
J-MART'S, Inc.

J-MART'S

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DISCOUNT
CENTERS**

North • 2945 WESTERVILLE RD. • East: 6900 E. MAIN ST.
South: 1770 S. HIGH ST. • West: CENTRAL POINT



Columbus Citizen-Journal

OFFICIAL FORECAST—Saturday sunny, warm. High upper 80s. Sunday fair, warm. Low mid 60s. High upper 80s. (Map on Page 11)

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Rich Join Poor, Old Join Young In Kennedy Farewell

De Gaulle Says Strike Nearly Made Him Quit

PARIS (UPI) — President Charles de Gaulle said on television Friday night that he felt like resigning at the height of the French strike crisis last week but decided against quitting in order to keep the "threatening subversion" from destroying the French Republic.

He spoke shortly after a new upsurge of violence that saw riot police smash an attempt by more than 5000 French strikers and students to storm the state-run Renault auto plant at Flins, 25 miles west of Paris.

THE PRESIDENT said he turned away the "temptation to retire" and decided to remain in office to fight the crisis.

As the general spoke, three separate demonstrations for and against his regime were in progress in Paris — one of them grouping 60,000 war veterans favoring de Gaulle.

SHORTLY after the French president's speech, the government announced the nation's civilian airport would resume normal operations Saturday. Major airlines announced they would start

taking off and landing Saturday at Orly, the nation's largest airport, which has been closed since May 19.

De Gaulle said the French "Little Revolution" that paralyzed the nation in recent weeks was "caused by a few groups which are revolting against modern society." But he insisted that "my government stayed master of the street."

DE GAULLE said the sole aim of the "totalitarian enterprise in question was for me to go and thus let them (the Communists) take power."

De Gaulle's remarks were viewed as the opening salvo in his campaign for the National Assembly elections scheduled for June 23 and 30. He called for a strong vote for his regime.

EARLIER FRIDAY an estimated 2000 riot police firing tear gas barrages and flailing with rubber clubs, smashed charges by thousands of leftist workers and students at the Renault plant outside Paris.

The Renault battle broke out when strikers ousted by

police from the factory the day before tried to reoccupy the sprawling plant.

HUNDREDS of leftwing students from the University of Paris tried to reach the plant Friday. Most were turned back. But about 200 managed to slip through police lines and fought side by side with thousands of strikers and two National Assembly deputies to retake the factory.

It was the first major strike violence in several days.



Mrs. John F. Kennedy and her children, Caroline and John Jr., touch the coffin of Robert Kennedy in New York's St. Patrick's Cathedral. (UPI Facsimile)

VC Rockets Pound Saigon

SAIGON (UPI)—Viet Cong guerrillas bombarded Saigon with rocket and mortar fire early Saturday in the eighth consecutive day of damaging attacks on the capital.

At least two civilians were killed and 12 injured in Saturday's barrage, South Vietnamese spokesmen said.

SPOKESMEN said 11 of the deadly 122mm rockets exploded near the capital's central business district at daybreak killing one civilian and injuring 5. Another civilian was killed and seven wounded in a mortar attack on a residential district shortly after midnight.

The attack followed a massive mortar and rocket barrage.

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Area Men Die In Viet

Marine Pfc. James F. Lewis, former South Side resident, died Tuesday of wounds received in action in Vietnam, the Defense Department announced Friday.

Another Central Ohioan Army Spec/5 Clifford Stapleton, of Rt. 1, Hebron, was reported killed in Vietnam.

Lewis, 19, Lewis died of shrapnel wounds in the head and body aboard the

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Dutch Uncle Club Treats

Tom Enright (left), general chairman of the Dutch Uncle Club's annual Carnival, passes out tickets to St. Vincent's Orphanage youngsters during Friday's activities at Sunshine Recreation Center. Youngsters (from left) are Jimmy, Cheryl, Linda and Danny. Sister M. Celia, of St. Vincent's, and Irv Gertner, of the Dutch Uncle Club, look on.

Lack Of Funds, Illnesses Curtail City Trash Pickup

By STAN WYMAN
Citizen-Journal Staff Writer

City sanitation operations will be drastically curtailed, Deputy Service Director John E. Jones disclosed Friday.

The curtailment becomes effective immediately, and could mean that trash pickups will run as much as two or three days behind.

TWO FACTORS were given for cutting back:

One is the financial condition of the city. The other is the absenteeism which has hit the division in the past week and which cannot be made up.

Jones said the division has to cut about \$133,000 in services in order to meet its payroll for the next six months of the year.

THAT MEANS, he said, the service department can no longer authorize the division's participation in special campaigns such as the summer time clean up drive, overtime, holiday time, or additional employees.

Compounding the problem, the deputy service director said, is the fact that a full one-sixth of the work force, about 50 employees, have been reporting in ill over the past week.

REQUESTS TO HIRE temporary employees to fill the void have been rejected. And because no overtime is being

allowed, trash pickups are falling behind.

Jones said that Sanitation Superintendent James Yoder reported the division has fallen about 80 hours behind in its work because of the absenteeism.

"We are already getting complaints from people that their garbage hasn't been picked up. It is going to get worse before it gets better," Jones said.

"THERE IS no way we can authorize overtime to catch up with the pickups. We'll just have to get it in the course of a normal day's work," he added.

Yoder said without additional personnel, the city cannot hope to pick up garbage

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May Sell Public Housing

Columbus may become the first city in the nation to sell a public housing project to the residents of the project. Donald Tishman, chairman of the Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA), told U.S. Rep. Chalmers Wylie Friday.

Wylie and Tishman were discussing the status of the Senate-approved housing bill.

WYLIE SAID he was impressed with the section which would allow residents of a public housing project to buy the building they live in and operate it as a condominium.

"It gives them an opportunity to own the apartment they live in and gives them a feeling of security. I think it is

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New Heart Patient Dies

DALLAS (UPI) — Doctors at Parkland Hospital Friday performed the world's 21st heart transplant operation, but the recipient, the first woman and the first Negro to receive a heart,

died just 4 hours and 45 minutes later.

Mrs. Ester Matthews, a 41-year-old Dallas, mother

of five re-Mrs. Matthews received the heart of a 26-year-old auto accident victim in an operation by a team of doctors from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School at Parkland Memorial Hospital.

The operation began at

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By LOUIS CASSELS
UPI Senior Editor

NEW YORK (UPI) — The people who touched Bobby Kennedy's hand in life reached out Friday to touch his casket in death.

By the hundreds of thousands they came — rich and poor, black and white, old and young, male and female, immigrant and native-born, united by a common sorrow.

UNDETERRED BY 90-degree heat which turned midtown Manhattan into a bake-oven, they waited in line for upwards of five hours in order to spend five seconds filing past the bier in St. Patrick's Cathedral where Sen. Robert F. Kennedy lay in state.

The throng of people wanting to say goodbye to the 42-year-old senator whose brilliant career was cut short by an assassin Wednesday in Los Angeles was so great that authorities had to abandon plans to cut off the procession at 10 p.m. They announced that the great neo-Gothic Roman Catholic Cathedral on Fifth Ave. would remain open all night.

IT WAS the biggest outpouring of grief in the big city's history.

Funeral services for the senator will be held in the cathedral at 10 a.m. Saturday. All of the 2300 seats will be filled with dignitaries, friends, relatives and guests invited by the family.

THE TWO MEN who were Kennedy's rivals for the Democratic presidential nomination — Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey and Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy — said they would attend. President Lyndon B. Johnson's plans were not announced but no one would be surprised if he showed up.

Following the funeral

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Sirhan Indicted

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Searched Sirhan Bishara Sirhan was indicted Friday for the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

The first-degree murder indictment against the 24-year-old native of Jordan was voted by the Los Angeles County Grand Jury after a daylong hearing. If convicted, Sirhan could be executed in the state gas chamber.

SIRHAN ALSO was indicted on five counts of assault with intent to commit murder. Five persons were wounded in the barrage of

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mass, the body will be taken to Washington by train for burial at 5:30 p.m. in Arlington National Cemetery. It will be televised.

AS THEY PASSED the African mahogany casket at a rate of 6000 an hour, some made the sign of the cross or genuflected. But the most characteristic gesture was to stretch forth a hand and touch the lid of the closed casket.

There is an old Irish superstition that touching a casket keeps the devil from troubling the soul of the deceased. But many who patted, rubbed, caressed or kissed Kennedy's casket were plainly not of Irish descent. For them, it seemed to be purely a gesture of affection.

THE SENATOR'S widow, Ethel, pregnant with their 11th child, came to the cathedral at noon with the three eldest children: Kathleen, 17, Joseph C. III, 16, and Robert Jr., 14.

Mrs. Rose Kennedy, 77-year-old mother of the tragically slain family, slipped into the cathedral at 8 a.m., unrecognized by the crowd. She took communion at a side altar and remained hidden in

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Store Gives \$20,000 In Guns To Police

A Columbus discount store chain turned over \$20,000 worth of guns and ammunition to the police department Friday and decided to permanently eliminate the sale of weapons in its stores as a result of the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

Marty J. Rosen, president of J-Mart's Family Discount Centers, said he wanted to "remove the possibility of supplying anyone with the means to cause bodily harm, inadvertently or by intent, not only to our dedicated public leaders but to anyone regardless of station in life."

THE STORE'S entire inventory of small arms, hand guns and ammunition was given the police department for whatever disposition it chooses.

"It is my hope this action will encourage public support for sane legislation banning unrestricted gun sales immediately," Rosen said.

MAJ. ROBERT F. Gloeckner, acting chief, said the weapons will be kept in the police arsenal until officially acquired.

"We won't actually own the guns until we can submit an ordinance to City Council," he said.

AMONG WEAPONS, all hand guns ranging in caliber from .22 to .38, are familiar American brands such as Colt and Smith & Wesson, and imported varieties of revolvers and automatics from Spain, Japan and other countries.

"The .38-caliber weapons we will be able to issue to officers for duty. We can use others for display and familiarization in training, but the rest we'll have to dispose of," Gloeckner said.

In Washington, the White House said that President Johnson's request to Congress for stronger gun controls has been relayed individually to all state governors.

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today's chuckle

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Washington Calling

Assassination Shall Echo For Years

By Scripps-Howard Newspapers

WASHINGTON—Shot that killed Sen. Robert F. Kennedy will echo for months or years.

PRESIDENTIAL campaign: It's likely to be low-keyed, restrained, from here on with candidates shying away from abuse of opponents, too much emotional appeal. There will be more reliance on television and radio; less street campaigning now that Secret Service is in charge of candidates' safety.

GUN CONTROL: Chance for stronger legislation is better; but still not good. Outcome may depend on whether Senate and House committees act quickly while public fear and anger are widespread. Chairman Emanuel Celler of House Judiciary Committee counts on continued pressure from White House, newspapers television, to offset lobbying of National Rifle Assn.

IN SAIGON: Government of President Nguyen Van Thieu will breathe more easily. It had dreaded possible election of Kennedy because of his promise to negotiate with the Communist National Liberation front and give it a place in future Saigon government.

IN THE MIDDLE EAST: There probably will be little or no reaction, even though accused slayer was born in Jordan, was strongly anti-Israel. Jordanian embassy here has received some threatening phone calls, but this feeling is not expected

to last and Arab states are unlikely to be more anti-American than they are now.

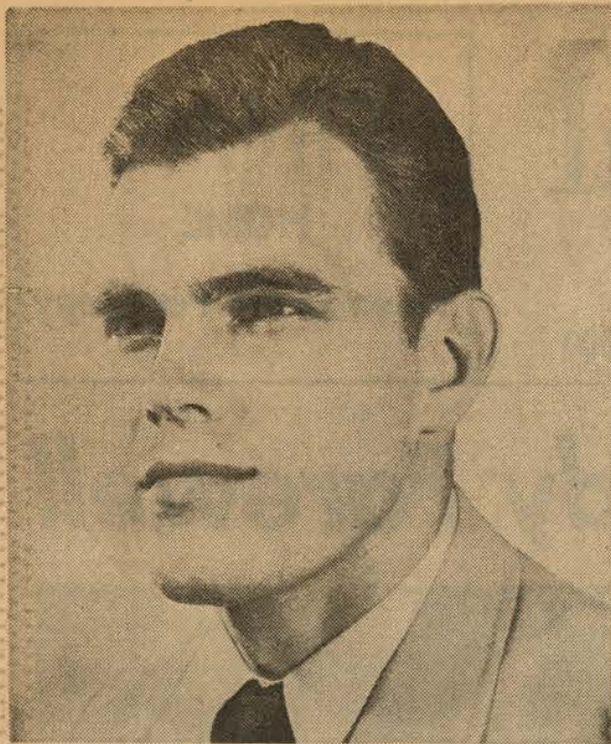
POOR PEOPLE'S MARCH: Kennedy death has cast a pall over "Resurrection City"—already in deep trouble—and latest violence has decreased public tolerance of protests. Search may be made for face-saving way to wind it up.

SENATE SUCCESSOR to RFK: Gov. Nelson Rockefeller will appoint a Republican to serve until November, 1970, election; is likely to pick a man young enough to win full six-year term after that, keep the seat in GOP hands. Logical man is Rep. Charles Goodell of Jamestown, N.Y., House member since 1959 and

strong supporter of Rockefeller for president.

Second possibility is Rep. Ogden Reid. Age might rule out former Sen. Kenneth Keating, now a judge, who is 68, and former Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, 66. Appointment of Mayor John Lindsay would mean turning over New York City to a Democrat—Council President Frank O'Connor.

NOTE: Death of Kennedy cut the props from Senate campaign of Democratic Rep. Joseph R. Easton for seat now held by Republican Sen. Jacob Javits. Easton was calling Kennedy a "ruthless boss"; was trying to take the Democratic nomination from Eugene Nickerson, choice of the state Democratic organization.



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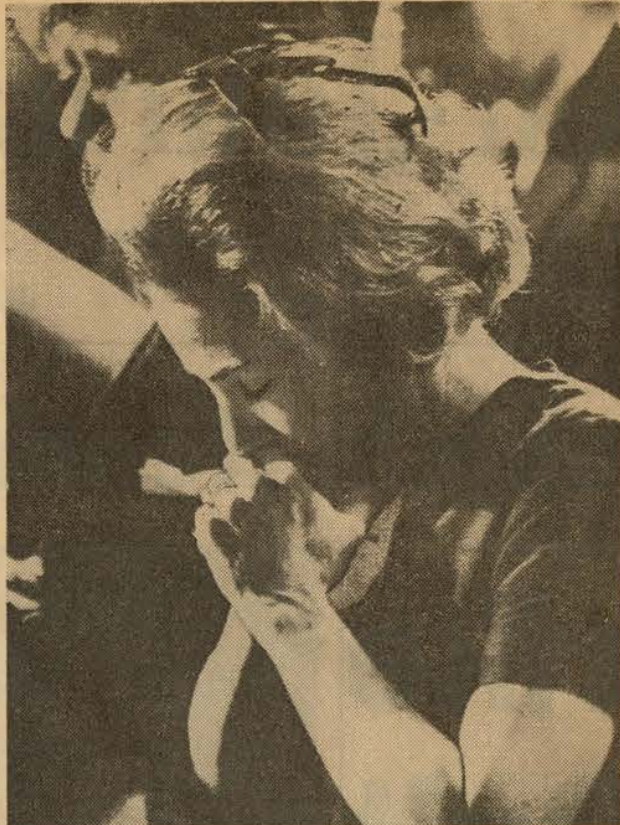
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Mrs. Robert F. Kennedy, her head bowed and eyes closed, prays in St. Patrick's Cathedral. (UPI Facsimile)

Thousands Wait Hours For Kennedy Farewell

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a corner for about an hour, watching the procession past the bier.

SEN. EDWARD M. Kennedy, only survivor of the four Kennedy brothers, had come earlier, sitting alone during a 6 a.m. mass which was the first of eight said during the day.

The casket rested on a bier draped in purple, in the crossing of the cathedral, where the wide center aisle intersects the side transepts. It was flanked by six candles in tall bronze holders. A single wreath of white lilies lay at the foot. Later in the afternoon an American flag was draped over the coffin.

ESTIMATES of the crowd ranged up to a million people, but were little more than guesses. At 6 p.m. the line was 10 blocks long with mourners 10 abreast.

Pope Paul VI, offered a private mass at the Vatican early Friday, dispatched one of his top aides, Angelo Cardinal

VC Rockets Pound Saigon

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rage Friday, which killed 25 persons and wounded 46. Later Friday giant B-52 bombers pounded the northwest outskirts of Saigon in an attempt to crush the Viet Cong rocket crews.

The rockets were identified as powerful 122 millimeter and 107 millimeter missiles newly shipped in from Communist China and the Soviet Union.

GEN. WILLIAM C. Westmoreland, the American commander, said the attacks were "not particularly significant militarily."

Westmoreland said Viet Cong were trying to "grab headlines throughout the world by portraying a facade of strength" for the Paris talks between U.S. and North Vietnamese diplomats.

UPI correspondent Nat Gibson, reporting from Cholon, said the Viet Cong were apparently moving from one section to another by donning skin diver equipment and swimming through sewer lines.

A North Vietnamese army defector identified as a regimental surgeon told South Vietnamese interrogators Friday his commanders were ready to hurl two fresh battalions into the battle for Saigon.

The defector, Le Cong Hung, said most men in two battalions committed earlier were killed or wounded. A battalion numbers 350 to 400 men.

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Officer Reports Sub Took Secret Course

NORFOLK, Va. (UPI) — The ill-fated nuclear submarine Scorpion was on a secret mission when it last reported in 17 days ago south of the Azores, a submarine officer testified Friday.

Capt. Wallace Green, commander of Submarine Division 62, told a Navy court of inquiry that the attack sub—lost with a crew of 99—was 27 miles off the course it would normally take across the Atlantic because it was carrying out a "classified assignment."

GREENE WOULD not elaborate on the nature of the mission in open session of the court, presided over by Vice Adm. Bernard L. Aus-

tin. But he added that the sub was not off course due to a navigational error.

After Greene's brief comment on the sub's mission, the court went into closed session to hear more details of what the Scorpion was doing.

GREENE SAID the eight-year-old submarine was "fully ready for sea" when she departed on her voyage across the Atlantic.

He said the Scorpion had only minor problems with radio and navigational equipment which would not cause any concern. Greene also said "there was no leaking at all" around the propeller shaft as indicated earlier.

Jury Indicts Sirhan For RFK Murder

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bullets that felled Kennedy at a downtown hotel in a tragic parallel to the assassination of his brother.

Swift arraignment was ordered at temporary court facilities set up in the chapel of the county jail where Sirhan was held in the hospital section.

IN OTHER developments in the fast-moving case, Sirhan's car was recovered and a campaign worker who believed she was the "woman in the polka-dot dress" seen fleeing from the shooting scene surrendered to sheriff's deputies.

She was Kathy Fulmer, 19, who said her shouts were misunderstood by a fellow campaign aide. The woman in the polka-dot dress was reported to have screamed "We shot him," but Miss Fulmer said she was highly distraught and yelled, "They shot him."

THE COURT arrangements had been agreed to earlier in a conference between Sheriff Peter J. Pitchess, Dist. Atty. Evelle Younger, Public Defender Richard Buckley and Superior Court Judge Arthur L. Alarcon.

None wanted another "Jack Ruby Case" as in the aftermath of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

THE 22-MEMBER grand jury—14 women and 8 men—acted in Los Angeles' Hall of Justice and heard testimony from 22 witnesses in a 6-hour session followed by 25 minutes of deliberation.

Although the jury proceedings were closed, it was known the testimony touched on the rapidity of the shooting, ensuing bedlam, efforts to save Kennedy's life during a speeding ambulance ride, a complex brain operation, and target practice by Sirhan hours before the assassination.

THE DRAMATIC report of Sirhan's target practice with a .22 caliber, nine shot pistol came from Henry Carreon who talked to the defendant Tuesday at a Southern California mountain shooting range.

Carreon had told police he noticed Sirhan because of his rapid firing, which was not permitted on the range. He



Rolling Arsenal Seized

Boston detectives check the 16 rifles found in the trunk of this car after arresting Norman Spring of Warren, R. I. Police made the arrest after receiving a telephone call that a man was selling rifles to pedestrians in Boston's South End. (UPI Facsimile)

Senators Going To Arlington

Citizen-Journal Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Ohio Sens. Frank J. Lausche and Stephen M. Young did not attend rites for Sen. Robert F. Kennedy in New York, but planned to go to Arlington for the interment at 5:30 p.m. Saturday.

Rep. Michael A. Feighan (D-Cleveland) said he was invited by house speaker John McCormack to attend the funeral services at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York.

Feighan and others invited were flown to New York early Saturday in a military plane. Following services, they were returned to Washington and taken to Arlington Cemetery in special buses.

Bat 'Ya To Head Dinner Program

Bat 'Ya, international Israeli songstress and dramatic actress, will head the entertainment program at the Executive Mansion Rose Garden Dinner celebrating Israel's 20th Anniversary at 6:30 p.m. Sunday.

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Because of your interest in more stringent gun controls, you may want to read the President's message to Congress on "The People's Right to Protection." The enclosed copy comes to you with his appreciation.

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June 28, 1968

Dear Friends:

The taped message, made in memory of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, was received and appreciated by the President. He asked me to thank you for seeing that this tribute reached him.

With the President's cordial good wishes to all of you at the First Baptist Church,

Sincerely yours,

Juanita D. Roberts
Personal Secretary
to the President

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June 28, 1968

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Dear Mr. Graham:

On behalf of President Johnson, let me thank you for giving him your views on the control of firearms. While the President has made his position clear, your wish to let him know where you stand is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Charles E. Graham
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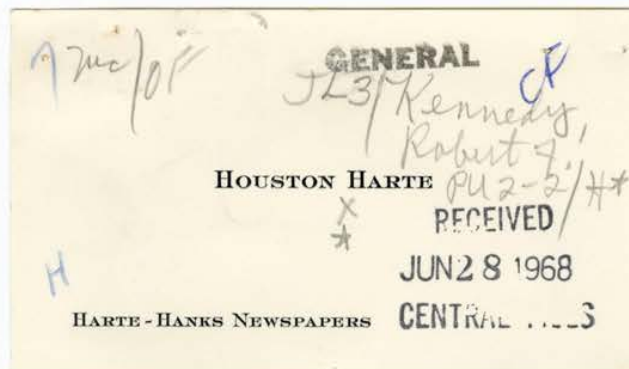
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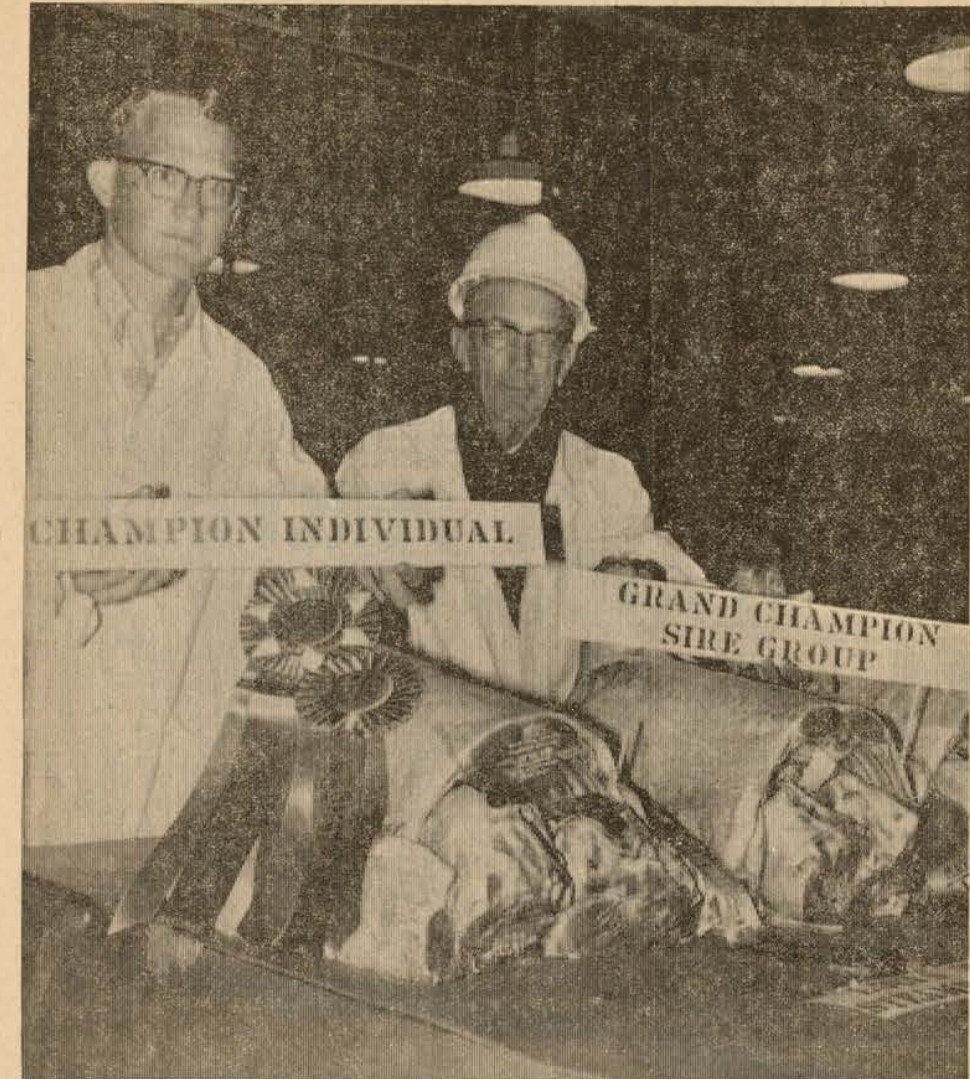
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GRAND CHAMPION AND HIGH INDIVIDUAL
... John Menzies, Menard, and Bill Oliver, Texas A&M.

Colorado Lambs Capture 'Lamb With Future' Award

By BILL HINNANT
Standard-Times Staff Writer

The carcasses of three mediumwool lambs entered by

Louis Coghill of Steamboat Springs, Colo., took grand champion sire group honors at the "Lamb With a Future" show

here sponsored by the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association.

Coghill's Suffolk lambs also took grand champion and reserve champion honors at the show in individual showing. In live placing competition, judged here Saturday at the showbarn at San Angelo Fairgrounds, the lambs placed seventh.

Specifications on the three winning lamb carcasses are: slaughter weight, 87, 87, 96; chilled carcass weight, 48.5, 47.0, 56.0; dress percentage, 55.8, 54.0, 58.3; USDA grade, choice; ribeye area, 2.26, 2.08, 2.50; total fat thickness, .75, .60, .85; leg loin index, 44.58, 44.15, 43.36; estimated percentage of boneless major cut, 45.5, 45.8, 46.0; and dollar per hundredweight value on leg and loin, \$28.97, \$28.73 and \$28.22.

Reserve champion carcasses of the show were entered by Ed Guy Branch of Rankin. The three mediumwool lambs placed second in Saturday's placings. They also were Suffolk lambs.

First place in the sire group in the finewool carcasses was won by Roy Jacoby of Menard with three Rambouillet lambs. First place in the crossbred carcass group was won by the Rocker B Ranch of Barnhart with Columbia-Rambouillet crosses. In live placing, Jacoby's lambs placed seventh and Rocker B's lambs placed second.

The "Lamb With a Future" show will conclude here today with a symposium beginning at 9 a.m. at Producers Livestock Auction Co.

Scheduled to participate on the program today are Dr. Dale Zinn and Dr. Blaine B. Breidenshtein of Texas Technological College at Lubbock; Dr. Frank A. Orts, Dr. James W. Bassett, Dr. Zierle L. Carpenter and Bill Oliver, all of Texas A&M University; Eddie Kimbrell of Washington, USA; and Dwight Koenig and Ed Mattingly, both of Chicago, Armour and Company.

Officials of the show include Keith Conner, Armour and Company's San Angelo plant; James Gray of San Angelo Extension Service; Fred Ball, San Angelo ranchman and businessman; John Cargile, auction operator; Roy Jacoby of Menard, overall chairman for the show; Bill Sims, TS&GRA executive secretary and Myron Hillman of Waco, Texas Farm Bureau livestock marketing director.

Only about one-third of adult Grizzly bear sows are candidates for motherhood each year, because females taking care of cubs or yearlings don't mate.

8-30-9 KACB-TV, KRBC-TV, KMID-TV — NBC has dug back into its Bob Hope-Chrysler Theatre file to come up with a debut production for its Comedy Playhouse titled "... And Baby Makes Five." It might have been a pilot for Green Acres with Angie Dickinson and Cliff Robertson playing the sophisticated couple who depart the city scenes for the country where he buys and operates a small paper. (Repeat)

8-30-9 KACB-TV, KRBC-TV, KMID-TV — I Spy is a kind of comic "Rashomon" during which Bill Cosby and Robert Culp have a chance to recall their first meeting and how their friendship developed. (Repeat)

9-10 KACB-TV, KRBC-TV, KMID-TV — The super-powers of the super-sleuths on The Champions comes to the fore tonight as the trio is advised that the loot from a bank robbery is to be deposited in a Swiss bank. The kicker is that the bank hasn't been robbed yet and they must first discover which bank it is and then prevent the crime. The search takes them to London, Geneva and Rotterdam.

TV SCOUT

Pollution, Ghettos Studied In Series

Complete Weekly Listings

BEST BET — "Somehow, somewhere, something has gone wrong with our cities," says Walter Cronkite setting the tone for The Cities, a three-part series examining a variety of urban plights to be seen on consecutive nights. The first is titled "A City is to Live In," documenting such problems as air and water pollution, transportation tangles, burgeoning ghettos and decreasing finances. Using Cleveland as a focal point and Mayor Carl Stokes as a spokesman, the program shows graphically the progress of urban decay both in people, places and living and working conditions, and tries to find solutions to the problem. 9-10 KCTV, KOSA-TV.

Horoscope Forecast

By CARROLL RIGHTER

General tendencies: Start the week right by doing nothing in the morning that could cause any sort of trouble since an adverse and rather confusing influence is in operation. Later in the day and tonight, you find that you are able to make some time long-range plan or get in touch with elders who give you a new start in success.

Aries (March 21 to April 19) Do you know what you should be doing in the morning first or are you going to leave it all to chance? Better get your time synchronized early, you will get into a real bind. Don't be so dull — put some verve into your living.

Taurus (April 20 to May 20) A.M. is best time to get that catatonic person out of your apartment, who sends for that big worry. Dig out that thinking-cap and plan your own future yourself. Then you find everybody will be in the same boat.

Leo (July 22 to August 21) You can get those money matters cleared up early if you just stop worrying about them. Then you have plenty of time to join good friends. A more experienced person than yourself gives right advice. Listen and follow instead of being so stubborn.

Virgo (August 22 to September 22) If you get yourself caught making the wrong turn while out driving, it will be your fault, so be careful. Be sure you get to work on time, too. Jobs only grow on cherry trees these days, and there are so few of those. Look to your boss if you want to know how to trim corners.

Libra (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) That ally you have can lead you into more successful operations if you are not self-limiting. Work in perfect harmony with everyone. Many benefits can come your way, so be on the alert for them.

Scorpio (October 23 to November 21) Running away from some responsibility you have would lose you a good friend, so stay on the ball and oil is fine. You can find it to be very exciting. Interesting, anyway. Find new inspiration in P. M.

Sagittarius (November 22 to December 21) If you try to needle that higher-up in A. M., you can get in big trouble, so keep steady and gain his, or her, favors instead. You are working on a new project and find that a partner gives real cooperation you want. Speed things up.

Capricorn (December 22 to January 20) Think before you do or say anything that could gain you the disfavor of all others. Do something constructive about home affairs tonight. Good day to make purchases, or sales. Are you sure your car is in good running order?

Aquarius (January 21 to February 19) Getting busy clearing up that responsibility in A. M. is fine, since after lunch you are then thinking on all cylinders and can launch new ideas, projects. Do to some fun place with associates in P. M. Reach true rapport.

Pisces (February 20 to March 20) Some silly act in A. M. could really get your reputation on the downgrade, so avoid it. Sit down with some intelligent business person who tells you how to run your affairs more wisely. Follow through with ideas and grow.

If your child is born today ... he, or she, will be one of those interesting young people who finds it necessary to sleep a good deal of the time, yet can complete what is necessary, but later in life will suddenly become a most brilliant and astute person. Send to college and stent the education along legal lines, since the champion of mankind is here.

3 Odessans Held By Hobbs Police

HOBBS, N. M. (STNS) — Three Odessa men were arrested here early Sunday in connection with a Saturday morning robbing spree at Monahans, Kermit and Hobbs.

The three men arrested were identified as Jerry A. Howell, 26, his brother, Donald L. Howell, 17, and Guy H. Pyeatt, 19, all of Odessa.

They were apprehended about 8 a.m. Sunday on felony and fugitive warrants. Total bond for each of the men is \$5,000, with \$2,500 on robbery by assault charges, and \$2,500 on the fugitive charges. The men were being held in lieu of bond in Hobbs city jail, and were expected to be transferred to county jail here today.

A spokesman at the Hobbs Police Department said the trio was arrested by four Hobbs police officers near a trailer court. He said they had apparently spent the night at the Frey Hotel. A car reportedly

belonging to the fugitives was found near the hotel, the spokesman said.

Early Saturday morning the first of the robberies took place at a Hobbs service station where an undetermined amount of cash was taken.

At about 4:10 p.m. Saturday, three men in a white sports car allegedly accosted Wayne Cooper at the ABC Enco Service Station in Kermit.

Several youths attempted to help Cooper, and six of them sustained minor injuries from the tire-tool wielding men. One of the youths was treated and released at a local hospital.

Two men battled the Kermit youths while a third man went inside the station and unsuccessfully attempted to pry open the cash register, officers said.

Only 20 minutes later, Darrin Barber, 19, attendant at a Monahans service station, was beaten and robbed.

Monahans Police Capt. Joe Drea said the robbers struck Barber with a tire tool, but he was not seriously injured and was treated and released from a local hospital.

Drea said between \$300 and \$400 was taken in the robbery. A cash register, some change and checks were later found by Monahans officers near a caliche pit near an oilfield road.

Shortly after the robbery, Monahans police patrolman Jim Williams spotted a white sports car and gave chase out Interstate 20 to Wickett at speeds of up to 105 miles an hour, but he was unable to stop the auto.

The Hobbs police department spokesman said he did not know how soon the trio could be returned to Texas to face the charge against them there.

California Teen Group Due In Pecos

PECOS (SC) — The Pecos High School student council will welcome six California students known as the Traveling Teens Saturday at 8 p.m. in the teen-room of the Community Center.

The Traveling Teens are six Alameda High School students who have embarked on a nationwide tour of 60 cities this summer in what is called a "youth-to-youth resuscitation movement," which is an attempt to upgrade the image of America by inspiring teens of each of the 60 cities to form an organization like their own which will focus on ways to build a better America.

Mrs. Barbara Kysor, mother of two of the teen travelers, conceived the idea of the service organization. The ultimate goal is to establish a national organization to be called "Youth For A Worthwhile Tomorrow."

All Pecos and area teens are invited to attend the meeting.

State Bar Sets Houston Confab

HOUSTON (STNS) — Attorneys George M. Thurmond of Del Rio and John D. Logan of San Angelo will head a delegation of West Texas lawyers and judges and their families to the Texas State Bar's 86th annual meeting beginning July 3 with headquarters at the Shamrock-Hilton Hotel.

Logan will succeed Thurmond on the bar's governing board of directors. The convention should attract more than 5,000 persons.

Some 50 speakers will include Gov. John Connally, Texas Atty. Gen. Crawford Martin, Houston congressman George Bush, Postmaster General Marvin Watson, a native Texan, the Texas-born president-elect of the American Bar Association, W. T. Gossett, and astronaut Michael Collins.

At the final session, the bar will honor Texas lawyers who have practiced 50 years or more.

New Ballinger Bank Opens Doors Today

BALLINGER (SC) — The newly-completed First National Bank here will be open for business today, with the formal open house slated for 2 p.m. next Sunday.

The \$500,000 building is of Travertine marble shipped from Italy, with the interior featuring walnut paneling. The building is landscaped with cactus and yucca plants.

A new coffee shop and lounge is provided for employees, as well as a community room for public meetings.

The bank lists total resources of \$6,737,058.

Pecos Boy Wins Carlsbad Derby

PECOS (SC) — Lloyd Oden, 11, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Oden of Pecos, won the soapbox derby at Carlsbad, N. M. Sunday afternoon.

He won his own class for the younger boys, and later won first class to take the overall event. He will now be eligible to go to the national soapbox derby finals in Akron, Ohio sometime in August.

There were 19 Pecos youngsters entered in the derby in Carlsbad, N. M.

OZONA RODEO

Ozona, Del Rio Youths Take Wins

OZONA (STNS) — Mack Altizer of Del Rio, Kay McMullan of Ozona and Jerry Hudson of Miles were named outstanding participants in the Ozona Junior Rodeo here Saturday night.

Altizer was named all-around hand for boys and girls 12 and under. He garnered two firsts in the rodeo in pole bending, boys 12 and under, and hair pulling, boys 13-15.

Miss McMullan was named all-around cowgirl in the 13-15 age bracket. She took one first in barrel racing, girls 13-15.

Hudson was the rodeo's all-around cowboy for the 16-18 category. He took firsts in ribbon racing and calf tiedown, boys 16-18.

Margaret Powell of Eldorado won three first places in the

rodeo in the girls 12 and under bracket in pole bending, barrel racing and flag racing.

Laura Ann McNeil of Big Lake won two events in the rodeo for girls aged 16-18 in pole bending and flag racing.

Chip Cole of San Angelo won the bull riding event for boys 16-19, and Bob McIntosh of Roosevelt took first in the same event for the 13-15 age group.

Johnny Powell of Eldorado took first in breakaway roping for boys 12 and under. Shelly Jones won a first in girls 13-15 pole bending.

In flag racing, Larry Cade of Sonora was first for boys 12 and under, and Audrey McFadden of Rankin was first in girls 13-15.



MISS KAREN ANN OLINGER
... South Dakota entry wants to write

South Dakota's Pageant Entry Likes Youth Work

By DEE LORFING
Standard-Times Staff Writer

South Dakota's contribution to the Miss Wool of America Pageant is Karen Ann Olinger, a 20-year-old sophomore at the University of South Dakota.

A 5'6" miss with green eyes and brown hair, Karen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Olinger of Huron, S. D.

How does she feel about being one of the top 20 Wool finalists in the nation?

"It's so wonderful, but everything happened so fast," she said with a flashing smile. "The only day I had been able to think about for a long time was June 19. This was the day I was planning for and all of a sudden here it was."

Representing the South Dakota Wool Council, Karen is a newcomer to San Angelo. "Although I had never been here before, it is all as I expected."

Prior to assuming her duties as Miss Wool of South Dakota, Karen worked at the recreation department as a supervisor and instructor.

"This work with the recreation department was primarily with their playschool where I taught five, six, seven and eight year olds in the crafts and art field."

"And you know," she said with a reminiscent smile, "I thought I would like to get away from the kids for awhile, but I sure do miss them."

At the University of South Dakota she has been named to the dean's list, is a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority, and as an executive council member for the Newman Club, she headed the ecumenical council committee.

"As head of the ecumenical committee, I worked with students from other churches represented on campus and tried to bring them together."

A member of the Strollers, a Vaudeville group composed of sorority and fraternity members, Karen performed in

"The Spirit of '67" which was presented in Washington, D. C.

"We also performed at Walter Reed Army Hospital and this was one of the greatest experiences of my life. I never believed the war was real until I saw those wounded soldiers," she emphasized.

What are the future plans of Miss Wool of South Dakota?

"I would really like to write for a fashion magazine and by

obtaining a major in the field of English I can learn to formulate my own opinions and learn to think for myself."

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New York, N.Y. (Special) One of the most tormenting afflictions is the burning itch caused by piles. It's most embarrassing during the day and especially aggravating at night. "Scratching" only makes the condition worse. No matter what you've tried without results — here's good news.

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Sound Sirhan Trial Important To U.S.

The trial of Sirhan Sirhan for the murder of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy is important to the nation. Deprived of a right to try the alleged assassin of President John F. Kennedy, the people have been susceptible to rumor and wild conjecture about the crime ever since. Such must not happen again.

Too, the trial is an important test of the American system of justice. It is imperative Sirhan be given a fair and adequate trial, with all evidence judged on its merits. And it is important, therefore, that he have competent and active defense.

This would seem to be assured by the appointment of a distinguished Los Angeles criminal attorney to defend suspect Sirhan. But the danger of a circus-like atmosphere which would dim the bright light of justice remains, and is bolstered — we feel — by the dispatch from Jordan of four lawyers to participate in Sirhan's defense.

The four Jordanese attorneys have been chosen by the Jordanian Bar

Association. And the word is that other lawyers from other Arab states will join them in Los Angeles.

If these men are coming to assist in seeing that Sirhan receives a fair trial, well and good. But pardon our skepticism about their ability to do so. The attorneys cannot be well-versed in American criminal law. Since criminal law varies from state to state, the chance that they will be able to contribute meaningfully to Sirhan's courtroom defense is remote.

Rather, the dispatch of the lawyers — and particularly word they will be joined by other Arab-state attorneys — smacks of politics on the international level and carries the danger that Sirhan's trial will be used as a platform from which propaganda can be launched.

We need no more trial carnivals in this country. Sirhan's case should be judged on the evidence presented; peripheral issues, particularly the Arab vs. Jew one, have no place in or near the courtroom except as they might bear on the case at hand.

Firm Control Remains

The change in chiefs of the Food and Drug Administration presages no change in strict federal policy to protect consumers against unsafe or ineffectual medicines. The switch merely suggests that it's not what you do but the way that you do it that counts for more in politics.

Dr. James L. Goddard, former FDA administrator, pushed for strict regulation of drug manufacturing and sales promotion, but he had a sharp and sometimes tactless tongue. This needlessly angered the drug industry and ruffled congressional feathers, stirring excessive controversy. That became a political liability to the administration, hardly helped the cause of firm drug controls, and apparently wearied the otherwise able and dedicated Dr. Goddard himself of public service. In any event, he resigned to take a private position.

His successor Dr. Herbert L. Ley Jr. is, in contrast, known for cautious public uti-

terances but no less stern concern for the public interest. That there will be no relaxation of the Goddard policies seems assured by these points:

Goddard brought Ley to the FDA from the Harvard School of Public Health and favored him as a successor, as do many of the consumer-conscious congressional committeemen who oversee the FDA's work. Wilbur J. Cohen, secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, the FBA head's superior, says there will be no change, and Cohen is a credible man. Finally, there are Dr. Ley's own record and word.

The appointment of Dr. Ley is reassuring. For the drug industry is a big business fraught with vital public interest, a condition ripe for controversy. And it would be disturbing indeed if a strong lobby could take advantage of such controversy to vitiate regulation for consumer protection and higher public health standards.

LEGAL, ETHICAL

Heart Transplants Raise Big Questions

WASHINGTON — When Dr. Christian Barnard of South Africa performed the world's first human heart transplant last December, he opened a Pandora's box of prickly legal, medical, ethical, and social issues.

He raised questions ranging from the fundamental, "What is Death?" to the bitter barb, "Where does a white man with a 'black' heart belong under South Africa's laws of strict racial separation?" to the legally macabre, "Could the heirs of a heart recipient who dies sue the estate of the donor for supplying a faulty heart?"

The heart transplants performed since Dr. Barnard's rare feat have added to and compounded many serious questions, some of which have plagued medical men for centuries.

How long should we try to preserve life?

If there are not enough hearts, or other vital organs, to go around, who should have priority in receiving transplants?

Is it right to invest so much money and research in perfecting transplants, which benefit mostly those who are chronically ill, or middle-aged to elderly, instead of doubling the fight against diseases that strike down children and young adults?

Some of the possible legal complications of the transplants already are becoming obvious. In Texas, where the heart of a man beaten to death was used in a transplant, authorities wonder if the assailants will base a defense against murder charges on the claim that the man died when doctors took his heart, and not from the beating.

In Virginia there is a far more disturbing case in which the brother of a dead Negro whose heart was transplanted into a white man claims that the heart was used without the family's permission. The family contends that despite calls to the hospital, the Negro's body was listed as "unclaimed" and hastily stripped of the heart.

Whatever the strict legalities of this case, it is the sort that throws an ugly cloud over medicine, for there must always be some suspicions about the kind of medical care given the injured "donor" as well as some feelings of uneasiness in declaring his body "unclaimed," and available for whatever use doctors wished to make of it.

LOOKING BACKWARD

FIVE YEARS AGO

Larry Lumpkin of Pecos won the first annual Alpine Junior Golf Tournament by five shots.

TEN YEARS AGO

Graham Childress of Ozona was com-

missioned ensign at Rice Institute in Houston.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

R. C. Wallis, manager of the City Utilities at Llano was appointed by Gov. Beauford Jester as representative of District Three at a Central Texas water conference at Waco.

New York Primary Result Bad News For HHH Backers

By ROWLAND EVANS and ROBERT NOVAK

WASHINGTON — Eyeing the stunning success by Sen. Eugene McCarthy in the New York Democratic primary as the returns came in Tuesday night, one hardboiled county leader came to this snap judgment: Hubert Humphrey would be a sure loser in New York state next November against any Republican.

Having reached that conclusion, this county leader is about to change horses. When Sen. Robert F. Kennedy was assassinated, he was ready to support Vice President Humphrey as the party's certain nominee. Now, following the election returns, he is switching to McCarthy.

The extent to which other New York party leaders follow such a pragmatic course will determine just how much Tuesday's primary hurts Humphrey in terms of delegates. With McCarthy having picked up about 67 of the 123 New York delegates elected by districts and Humphrey only 6, some 50 Kennedy delegates who were elected are by no means as sure to back Humphrey as they were before Tuesday.

Moreover, on Wednesday morning, McCarthy forces immediately began maneuvering for a "fair share" — at least half — of the 65 at-large delegates to be picked soon by the state Democratic central committee.

In stark arithmetical terms, the entire New York delegation going for McCarthy would be insufficient in itself to stop Humphrey at the Chicago convention, so great is his lead. But the damage done to Humphrey in New York goes deeper than delegates. As the Kennedy county leader coldly observed, Humphrey looked like a loser — unable to generate votes or enthusiasm and relying on creaky party machinery unable to win elections.

Even McCarthy partisans candidly admit that New York was no fair test for Humphrey. What was shaping up as a ramshackle operation for him in the New York primary was padlocked by Humphrey after Kennedy's murder. In contrast, doorbell ringing student and women volunteers for McCarthy spread over the state last weekend.

For instance, an unpublished McCarthy canvass of one area in the Bronx a few weeks ago showed Humphrey running well ahead of both Kennedy and McCarthy. But so poor was the effort in behalf of the Humphrey and Kennedy slates on Tuesday that this area voted solidly for the McCarthy delegates.

However, Humphrey cannot wholly take comfort in a plea of NOLO CONTENDERE. A vigorous effort in his behalf was generated in some areas, such as Nassau County on Long Island and the 17th silk-stocking district of Manhattan. On Monday, Manhattan voters received a pro-Humphrey letter from the widow of Sen. Herbert Lehman. But nowhere did Humphrey light the slightest spark Tuesday.

Even more important was the dismal performance by the regular organizations in New York City and surrounding suburbs, whose candidates became de facto supporters of Humphrey after Kennedy's death. Once again, they were amateurs — who devastated the regulars in the Bronx, Queens, Brooklyn, and Nassau County.

Humphrey's possible salvation from the standpoint of New York delegates rests with the stubborn antagonism towards McCarthy the party maverick by regular Democrats. Even though McCarthy delegates romped in their backyards, regular leaders such as Stanley Steingut of Brooklyn and Moses Weinstein of Queens may well stick with Humphrey.

That is important because

State Chairman Burns cannot control the state committee selection of at-large delegates now that Kennedy, his patron, is dead. The regular county leaders may overshadow him in power. Refusing to concede that the McCarthy forces deserve ANY at-large delegates, one such boss told us the remaining 65 delegates should be picked on a basis of "standing, stature, and past involvement in the party."

But if Humphrey's losses in New York are cut by unleashing backroom muscle, he stands to lose more than a few delegates. The growing image of a nominee picked by the bosses though rejected by the people would be enhanced, and the chance of winning back frustrated McCarthy supporters after the convention would be lessened.

Thus, the meaning of New York is not so much that it barely kept McCarthy in contention and energized the drooping spirits of his supporters, who before Tuesday night had nearly lost all hope. More importantly, the primary pointed up the difficulties the Democrats will face in electing Humphrey once they have nominated him.

Visit To College Campuses Bolsters Faith In Students

By JOHN S. KNIGHT

Publisher, Knight Newspapers

It has been my privilege within recent weeks to visit two great universities, Cornell and Harvard.

My own Cornell Class of 1918 proved its durability by having the largest reunion attendance on the campus. This was

This Is My Answer

By Billy Graham

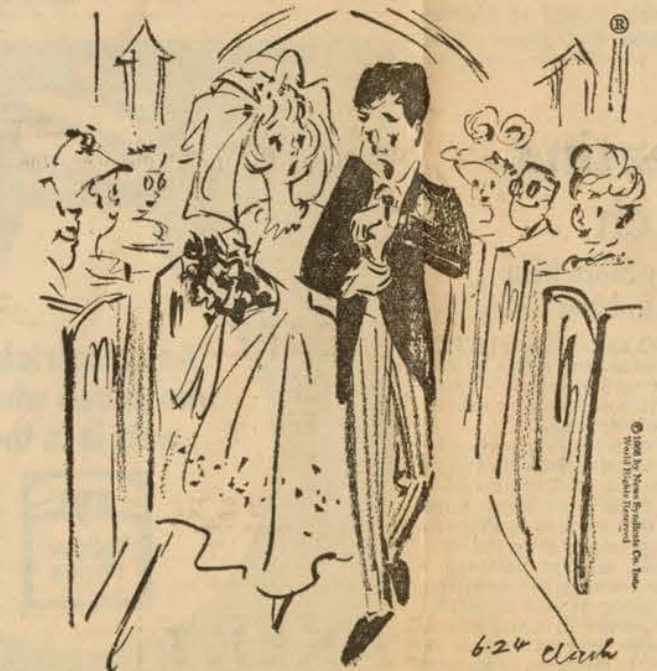
QUESTION: I can't seem to find peace. Will positive thinking help? How does one think positive thoughts? W. S.

ANSWER: Sometimes the term "positive thinking" can be misinterpreted. If it is detached from the redeeming power of God it becomes a mere mental exercise with limited results.

The Bible says, "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus." Our minds, in their natural state, tend to entertain doubts, resentments, evil imaginations, and other kinds of wrong thoughts. The Bible teaches that when Christ comes into our lives He brings new thought processes. This becomes "positive thinking" in a Christian sense. Then His thoughts become our thoughts.

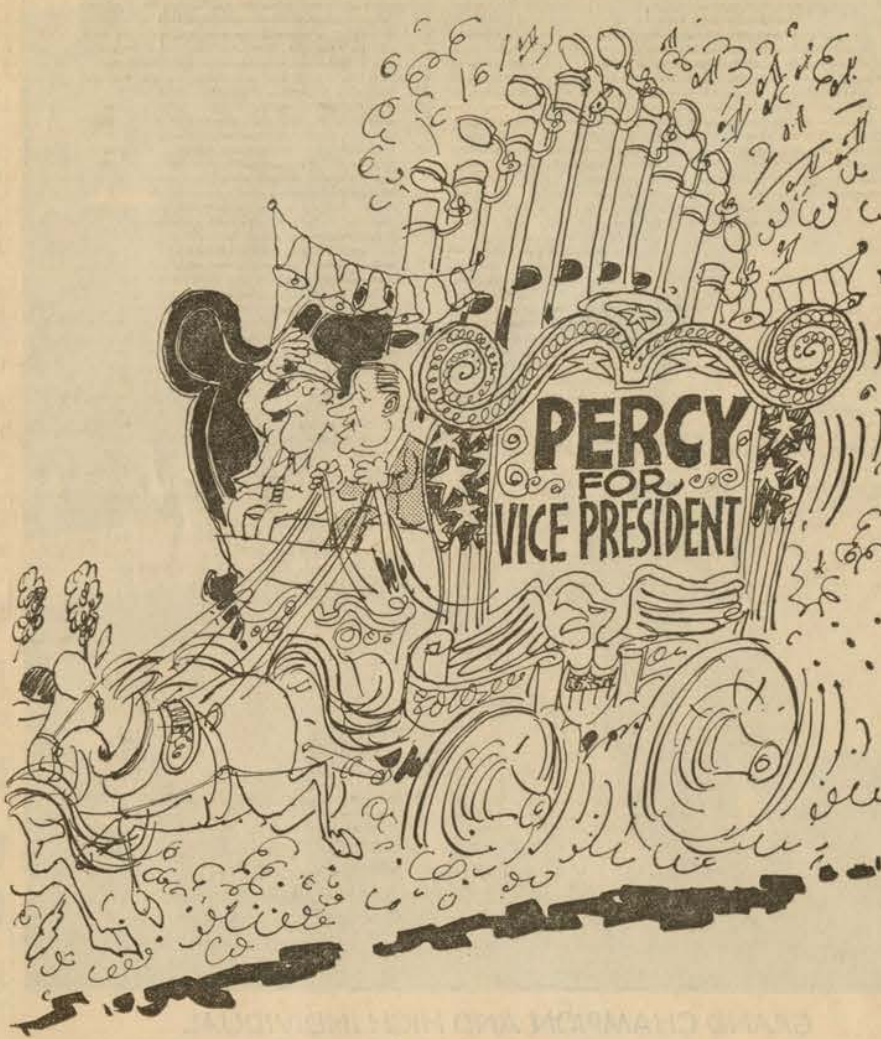
Instead of thinking badly about people who have wronged us, we begin to think good thoughts about them. Instead of being unbelieving about God's goodness, and cynical about others, we put the best construction upon everything. Many people are eaten up these days by hatred, malice, and envy. This is not pleasing to God, and does great damage to ourselves. Christ can change all this. Remember, the Bible says, "Let this mind be in you." This means that if we choose we can go on living in inner misery, but it also means that God has given us the power to change the Way of peace, joy and contentment. It is up to us. Christ's power is available to all who will accept it.

The Neighbors By George Clark



"Gosh, I'm running late, Nancy. The boss gave me just enough time to get married—and then hop with him to Europe."

"I HAVEN'T DECIDED ON MY PRESIDENTIAL RUNNING MATE FOR SURE YET."



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remarkable indeed since the over-70 group had survived two world wars, the great depression and a plethora of plaguing problems — both public and personal.

By and large, the Eighteeners remained a sturdy lot who could still stand up to a wassail and sing "Far Above Cayuga's Waters" with the best of them.

But with a grandson being graduated from Harvard, it was the young men of 1968 who interested me most and with whom I shared the major part of my liquid and intellectual stimulation.

When parents and grandparents attempt to judge the youth of today by their own standards of yesteryear, we have an immediate generation gap.

In turn, the inability to understand the motivations, sensitivities and convictions of our younger people only widens the chasm of misunderstanding.

For nothing is as simple to them as it was to us. This generation cannot grasp, nor will it accept the notion that the war in Vietnam is a holy crusade against communism.

They see it rather as an immoral war in which we kill people for whom we have no dislike, burn villages and cities to "save them," destroy and inflict misery upon civilian populations who seek only a peaceful life.

The class of 1968 is deeply involved in the great issues which are before this country. Its members mistrust politicians, the press and the President.

They are wary of the "work hard and succeed" formula for advancement. Whereas the student of the 50s was accused of too much conformism and complacency, the student of the mid-60s is best described by President James A. Perkins of Cornell as "independent, restless, anti-authoritarian, concerned and sometimes a little frightened."

He has come to regard himself, says Dr. Perkins, as "a citizen first and a student second. For him the notion of study for the sake of study has been replaced by a demand that knowledge have relevance to today. If they cannot find relevance in their courses of study, they will find it in social or political action."

Columnist Charles Bartlett observes after attending his class reunion at Yale that "the era which has stimulated the older students has merely depressed the youngsters." They see themselves, adds Bartlett, "living in an age without heroes, a time of hypocrisy and manipulation that offers little hope unless they can discover the new American dream."

The flocking of students to the support of Sen. Eugene McCarthy in New Hampshire and other states is a manifestation of this restlessness and concern. They have little empathy with either President Johnson or the two probable presidential candidates Richard Nixon and Vice President Hubert Humphrey.

Admittedly, the Class of 1968 has some extremely fuzzy views about economics and the workings of our profit and loss system. This is largely attributable to the teachings of university theorists with but a modicum of exposure to the system itself.

It is always easier to write a textbook on economics than to survive in the jungles of competition.

Yet these young men about to begin careers in law, medicine, journalism, the Peace Corps, business and higher education made a profound impression upon me.

Whereas their elders often succumb to a rigidity of thought, the Class of 1968 refuses to accept the dogmas of the past. The educated young man or woman of today is searching for a better tomorrow, not for himself or herself alone but for the world and its peoples.

And even from those who brought about so much turmoil in the colleges and universities may come the strongest and most thoughtful leaders of tomorrow as they acquire a balance of individual freedom and social responsibility.

The joy and pride — together with the tears and emotions — which overcome a parent or grandparent at graduation time, comprise an unforgettable experience.

After days of conversations with the Class of 1968, I came away with a badly deflated ego from the realization of how little I knew at a comparable age.

But my spirits were high in the reinvigoration of admiration, faith and confidence in our youth of today.

Excepting only Sen. Eugene McCarthy, the moment of truth is at hand for Richard Nixon, Vice President Hubert Humphrey and Gov. Nelson Rockefeller.

Long before he entered the New Hampshire primary last spring, McCarthy had been forthright in his criticism of the war in Vietnam. Nixon, a hawk since 1954, is now said to have some different thoughts but they are known only to Candidate Nixon.

Rockefeller, who once supported the war, is today proclaiming in full page newspaper advertisements, "I say we can make this Vietnam the last Vietnam. And this is one reason why I run for president."

Poor Hubert Humphrey,

whose public statements strongly supported the war even prior to becoming vice president, is stuck with the record. He is too deeply committed to switch and moreover he can't afford to offend the President.

If so much were not at stake, it would be amusing to observe our ambitious candidates attempting to slither around previously taken positions in the hope that in time all men either forget or forgive.

Sen. McCarthy, in discussing a reported shift by Hubert Humphrey, says "there comes a time when the private doubts of a public man must become public doubts."

And that time is now.

It is beyond belief that any American citizen would object — as so many do — to prohibition of mail-order gun sales and registration of firearms.

Licenses are required for automobiles, fishing and hunting permits. But not for firearms.

In Great Britain, all firearms must be registered with the police and permits are granted only after an extensive check of the applicant. Violence involving guns is most uncommon in Britain.

West Germany requires a special license to carry guns. The applicant must have a clean record and prove that he needs a gun for self-defense or for professional reasons. Gun laws in Scandinavia are highly restrictive.

The crime bill signed by President Johnson prohibits interstate mail-order sales of hand guns but does not go far enough. In view of our increasing crime rate, why do so many Americans object to gun registration?

Believe it or not, some people say they don't want to be on record with gun licenses when the Communists take over the government.

The other reasons most commonly advanced against firearm registration are equally nonsensical.



Editorials Rapped

EDITOR, The Standard-Times:

For the past several months, your paper has had almost a constant attack on some local person or persons in public office, be it county commissioners, police chief, city manager, and more recently, the city commissioners. It isn't surprising that there is developing hatred and distrust here in the United States when newspapers and television are trying so hard to create a schism among people and groups of people.

It seems to me that it is time for you to heed the suggestion of one of your own editorials of several months ago. I refer to an article in which you discussed the election of LBJ. In this editorial you stated that he might not be the choice of all the people but he was everybody's president and he deserved the help and support of all the citizenry. Our local officials should be entitled to the same treatment.

David R. Shahan, San Angelo

The Standard-Times welcomes letters from its readers. Letters must bear the writer's signature and address; anonymous letters will not be used. Preference will be given to shorter letters, no letter printed may exceed 300 words. The Standard-Times reserves the right to edit letters for length and publication propriety.

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Dear Dr. Fung:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your letter and thank you for writing. Your interest in letting him have your comments is appreciated and you may be sure they have been fully noted.

Sincerely,

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President Lyndon B. Johnson
White House
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Dear President Johnson:

Undoubtedly you have heard and read many tributes
to our late Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

We thought you would like to know the deep respect
in which he is held by the Buddhists and particularly the
congregation of the Buddha's Universal Church.

Yours sincerely,

Paul F. Fung, M.D., Ph.D.
U.S. Executive Director
World Fellowship of Buddhists

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Buddhist International Church
220 Washington Avenue - San Francisco



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June 11, 1968

President Lyndon B. Johnson
White House
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear President Johnson:

Undoubtedly you have heard and read many tributes
to our late Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

We thought you would like to know the deep respect
in which he is held by the Buddhists and particularly the
congregation of the Buddhist Universal Church.

Yours sincerely,

Paul F. Fung, M.D., Ph.D.
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Associate Doctors of the Dharma

Services for
Senator Robert Francis Kennedy
Given at the Buddha's Universal Church
June 9, 1968

Today, together, we pay our respects to the late Senator Robert Francis Kennedy.

He was a man of extraordinary breadth of generosity, extensive education and exceptional abilities.

Greater than his love of country, which was exemplary, was the depth of his compassionate love of mankind of all creeds and races.

His filial devotion---in its highest sense---was to do the things which would please most his two elderly parents.

His quality of brotherhood extended beyond mutual care, concern, and solicitude. It was a selflessness that puts their welfare, their benefits and their progress before his own.

Unfortunately---tragically---he was taken from this world on June 6, at 1:44 AM to his heavenly rest.

It is sincerely hoped---in the ever-presence of his spiritual vitality---that those virtuous principles, magnanimous doctrines, and humanitarian concepts for the benefit of all mankind which he lived by and espoused---shall grow and become realities.

At the sound of the Golden Bell, a moment of respectful silence will be observed in memory to the loftiness of his resolutions, his tenacious desire for peace throughout the world, his determination that all peoples should live in harmony and without deprivation. Such goals and objectives deserve our respect and those of generations yet to come.

Delivered in Chinese and English by
Dr. Paul F. Fung
U. S. Executive Director
World Fellowship of Buddhists

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June 26, 1968

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JL3/Kennedy R.F.

Dear Mrs. Primoff:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter.

Because of your interest in more stringent gun controls, you may want to read the President's message to Congress on "The People's Right to Protection." The enclosed copy comes to you with his appreciation.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Eugene H. Primoff
15 Whitfield Terrace
New Rochelle, New York 10801

Enclosure: Message to Congress 6/24/68

June 26, 1968

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LE/JL3

JL3/Kennedy R.F.

Dear Mr. Townsend:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for writing.

Because of your interest in more stringent gun controls, you may want to read the President's message to Congress on "The People's Right to Protection." The enclosed copy comes to you with his appreciation.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. H. Townsend
345 Raymundo Drive
Woodside, California

Enclosure

June 26, 1968

General
SP 3-236/ST 35

TL3/Kennedy R.F.

Dear Dr. Mersol:

President Johnson deeply appreciated the confidence reflected in your letter at this time of terrible sorrow. He asked me to thank you -- and to reassure you of his lasting commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice for all men.

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Dr. Stanley A. Mersol
1031 East 62nd Street
Cleveland, Ohio

June 26, 1968

GEN
LE/JL3

JL3/Kennedy RF.

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter.

Because of the interest you expressed, you may want to read the President's statement of June 19 and message of June 24 on crime and gun controls. The enclosed copies come to you with his best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Sheldon Mitchell
705 Mayer-Central Building
Phoenix, Arizona 85012

Enclosures: Crime statement 6/19/68; Message to Congress 6/24/68

June 26, 1968

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LE/JL3

JL3/Kennedy R.F.

Dear Mr. MacLay:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter.

Because of the interest you expressed, you may want to read the President's statement of June 19 and message of June 24 on crime and gun controls. The enclosed copies come to you with his best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Douglas W. MacLay
9207 Sovereign Row
Dallas, Texas 75247

Enclosures: Crime statement 6/19/68; Message
to Congress 6/24/68

June 26, 1968

GEN
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JL3/Kennedy RF

Dear Miss Loose:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for writing.

Because of your interest in more stringent gun controls, you may want to read the President's message to Congress on "The People's Right to Protection." The enclosed copy comes to you with his appreciation.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Miss Florence Loose
19 Prospect Park West
New York, New York

Enclosure

June 26, 1968

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JL3/Kennedy R.F.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Huycke:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for writing.

Because of your interest in more stringent gun controls, you may want to read the President's message to Congress on "The People's Right to Protection." The enclosed copy comes to you with his appreciation.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Huycke
2200 Water Front Drive
Corona del Mar, California 92625

Enclosure

June 26, 1968

GEN
LE/JL3

JL3/Kennedy, R.F.

Dear Miss Ciello:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for writing.

Because of your interest in more stringent gun controls, you may want to read the President's message to Congress on "The People's Right to Protection." The enclosed copy comes to you with his appreciation.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Miss Mildred Ciello
29 Chelsea Street
East Boston, Massachusetts 02128

Enclosure

June 26, 1968

GEN
LE/JL3

JL3/Kennedy R.F.

Dear Miss Hoffman:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for writing.

Because of your interest in more stringent gun controls, you may want to read the President's message to Congress on "The People's Right to Protection." The enclosed copy comes to you with his appreciation.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Miss Theo Hoffman
150-15 Sanford Avenue
Flushing, New York 11355

Enclosure

June 26, 1968

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LE/JL3

JL3/Kennedy R.F.

Dear Mr. Correll:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for writing.

Because of your interest in more stringent gun controls, you may want to read the President's message to Congress on "The People's Right to Protection." The enclosed copy comes to you with his appreciation.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Roderick Correll
516 West 34th Street
New York, New York 10001

Enclosure

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JL 3/Kennedy R.F.

June 26, 1968

Dear Mrs. Wingard:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter and for letting him have your suggestion. He mourns with you, and with the nation, the tragic loss of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

Because of the interest you expressed, you may want to read the President's statement on June 19 and message of June 24 on crime and gun controls. The enclosed copies come to you with his best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Evelyn C. Wingard
456 Fell Street
San Francisco, California 94102

Enclosures: Crime statement 6/19/68; Message to Congress 6/24/68

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JL3/Kennedy R.F.

June 26, 1968

Dear Rebecca:

President Johnson asked me to thank you and those who joined with you for your letter. He mourns with you, and with the nation, the tragic loss of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

Because of your interest in more stringent gun controls, you may want to read the President's message to Congress on "The People's Right to Protection." The enclosed copy comes to you with his appreciation.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Rebecca Cohn
9107 Meade Avenue
Morton Grove, Illinois 60053

Enclosure: Crime statement 6-19-68

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June 26, 1968

General
SP 3-236/ST 30

JL3/Kennedy R.F.

Dear Sister Mary Loretto:

President Johnson deeply appreciated the confidence reflected in your letter at this time of terrible sorrow. He asked me to thank you -- and to reassure you of his lasting commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice for all men.

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Sister Mary Loretto
Saint James Convent
94 Broad Street
Red Bank, New Jersey 07701

June 26, 1968

General
SP 3-236/ST 5

JL3/Kennedy R.F.

Dear Mrs. Chesser:

President Johnson deeply appreciated the confidence reflected in your letter at this time of terrible sorrow. He asked me to thank you -- and to reassure you of his lasting commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice for all men.

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Leo F. Chesser
287 Verde Mesa Drive
Danville, California 94526

June 26, 1968

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LE/JL3

JL3/Kennedy R.F.

Dear Mrs. Knight:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter.

Because of your interest in more stringent gun controls, you may want to read the President's message to Congress on "The People's Right to Protection." The enclosed copy comes to you with his appreciation.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Fulton B. Knight
550 Audrey Court
Wheeling, Illinois 60090

Enclosure: Message to Congress 6/24/68

June 26, 1968

General
SP 3-236/ST32

JL3/Kennedy R.F.

Dear Mrs. Clinch:

President Johnson deeply appreciated the confidence reflected in your letter at this time of terrible sorrow. He asked me to thank you -- and to reassure you of his lasting commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice for all men.

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mrs. M. L. Clinch
6239 Haslauer Road
Munnsville, New York 13409

June 26, 1968

GEN
LE/JL3

JL3/Kennedy RF.

Dear Mr. Magner:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter.

Because of your interest in more stringent gun controls, you may want to read the President's message to Congress on "The People's Right to Protection." The enclosed copy comes to you with his appreciation.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. John D. Magner
214 Southeast First Street
Evansville, Indiana 47713

Enclosure: Message to Congress 6/24/68

June 26, 1968

General
SP 3-236/ST 30

JL3/Kennedy R.F.

Dear Mr. Tobey:

President Johnson deeply appreciated the confidence reflected in your letter at this time of terrible sorrow. He asked me to thank you -- and to reassure you of his lasting commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice for all men.

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Laurence Tobey
83 Oakland Road
Maplewood, New Jersey 07040

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June 27, 1968

JL 3/Kennedy R.F.

Dear Mrs. Bykonen:

President Johnson deeply appreciated the confidence reflected in your letter at this time of terrible sorrow. He asked me to thank you -- and to reassure you of his lasting commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice for all men.

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

^x
Mrs. Fred Bykonen
1510 J Street, SE.
Auburn, Washington 98002

P.S. Perhaps you would like to read the enclosed White House releases.

Enclosures: 6/10/68 Remarks to Commission; 6/19/68 Crime statement;
6/24/68 Msg. to Congress

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Communist RRR
Religious

President Johnson. June 1964.

Dear Mr President-

I as a mother, must write, now
that another Man has gone
down with a Mad mans gun.

I just I know they say we need
gun laws. I'm sure that's OK.
But if the evil & violence

keep on going - where will
America end. I'm only a
very little school person.

I'm sure I can tell you
in words, I would like to say it.
Only since 1st world war

America has gone down the
children have been taught -
(I'm 6) didn't you get 28. I'm 63.)

Not to respect - No me God
Man. Give them more freedom.
Never cross a children they'll

get a Compliment I say mothers
Stay home (Love) your

Children enough. ² That you
have to teach them. The
Christian training. Don't
take God away. Get rid
of those people who say
don't let them say prayers
in school. What difference
what church. We're only one God.
Let them say their prayers
in their own way. Only say
them. I've always respected
you - Mr. president, I'm ashamed
for the Americans - who have
done so much harm for you.
They tried to kill you not with
a gun, only those dirty
words - you must not force
the race you - Mr. Humphrey
can't feel your shoes. we need
more men, like the Kennedy
Brothers. None of us perfect

They tried to get people to
understand each other -
no president can run the
Country if they are divided
in Wash D.C. Kick out the
Judges etc - who are not
for America - get tough with
those who want to destroy
our Country. People must
help themselves more. I've
cooked in Cafes. for 20 years.
I've never asked for welfare.
My husband is 66 years old to
supplement our income -
He is a security guard. He only
went to 7th grade a W.D. farmer.
a good honest man. Our 2nd
son Don is a Flight Engineer
out of Travis A. F.B. Calif. 20 years
in Jan. I'm glad to get going out.
My eldest son was only 15.55. Canada
2nd world war, pacified when as
my house broke

asked me ⁴ might before Xmas. Estate
What ship is your son on. I didn't
know for 3 months. He said
that ship is a fish in the sea.
God was with our son to come
home. My father also came home
from Norway. I believe in
taking care of our government.
As - the people are the government.
Some say give us more money.
Well some one has to pay for it.
I do believe the Gov should get
the welfare goods etc. any
one who can work, should do so.
If we can turn to God & ask
for help. Like in the Old Testament.
Put away these gods -
Teach love & also help
thy neighbor - never mind the
color. we are white Finnish
Decent American born - please
don't leave now. God Bless
(over)

Take Care of your self
we must quit this
campaigning among
people, cant protect the
men, its terrible to kill
of our best & youngest.

Sincerely

Mrs Fred Bykoren

1510 1st St E.

Auburn

Wash

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GENERAL
JL3/Kennedy, Robert F.
PR14/ST22

June 26, 1968

Dear Mr. and Mrs. O'Betts:

President Johnson deeply appreciated the confidence reflected in the letter from you and those who joined with you at this time of terrible sorrow. He asked me to thank you -- and to reassure you of his lasting commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice for all men.

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. and Mrs. Francis O'Betts^{*}
Room 202
60 Ransom, Northeast
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49502

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60 Ransom N. E. - Room 202
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49502
June 14, 1968

The President
The White House
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

Your June 5, 1968 address on nation-wide television was the BEST television address we have ever heard. On that occasion we're sure that we heard from the heart of Lyndon B. Johnson.

We were saddened by the topics of your June 5th address to the nation; the loss of another great American, and the possibility that our world is terminally ill. In hope and in prayer to God we pledge our individual energies to purging our hearts and our country of violence, hate, racism, poverty and ignorance. Let this pledge and its spirit be our memorial to the martyrs of the Twentieth Century, to Robert Kennedy, to Martin Luther King, Jr., to the late president, John F. Kennedy, and to the thousands of men and women around the world who have died in the name of equality, freedom and justice for all men.

Respectfully,

Marianne and Gary Gill
Marianne and Gary Gill

Francis & Gloria O'Betts
Mr + Mrs Francis and Gloria O'Betts

David and Lois Pushaw
David and Lois Pushaw

Mr & Mrs Michael Stahl
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Stahl

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June 26, 1968

Dear Specialist Bendzick:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for writing and letting him have your comments on a matter of grave concern to every American. You may be sure they have been carefully noted.

Because of your particular interest, you may want to read the President's statement of June 19 and message of June 24 on crime and gun controls. I am happy to enclose a copy of each.

You have the President's warm good wishes -- and the pledge of his lasting commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

*
SP/4 John H. Bendzick
RA 51880723
Hdqs. Co. A 702nd Maint. Bn.
2nd Inf. Division
APO San Francisco 96224

Enclosures 6/19 re Crime; 6/24 gun control message.

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HQ S. Company "A"
702nd Maint. Bn.
2nd Inf. Division
APO San Francisco
California 96224 Korea
102 Kinross Lane
Pittsburgh, Penna. 15237
2715 Orchard Lane
Flint, Michigan 48504

Dear Mr. President of the U.S.A:

I sincerely give my sorrow of the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. My letter is on the subject of gun control laws and violence as one unit. I would like you and the nation to consider a weapon as such to a person and concealment. On case Comp # 11001- (67) robbery armed, Flint Police Department, Flint, Michigan, man in charge detective Lieut. Victor H. Smith, FBI trained, took care of a case that I got into shy no choice? Since that day a year ago when two men, one with a gun, another with a very long knife robbed me, I



UNITED STATES ARMY

figured that those two would of never done, if they did not have weapons to do so. I am wrong; guns, rifles, knives, and trouble will always be with man. In Michigan, a concealment of any weapon is a prison crime, the federal government is going to have a obligation in this area. If you people are going to sit in congress, and on committees at the same time and sign laws into practice about weapons without consideration and sound firm action on concealment in carrying weapons hidden on a person, automobile, mail, and paper itself, you are all wasting your time and effort on such a important situation that has come up with violence, fear, robbery and finally killing itself. Man has the right to a weapon in his home only, to hunt, for a sport; but his knife, gun, rifle regardless of this situation should be seen always once outside in public all environments. At 22 years, I like to live, laws in concealment are needed? Write Please, military address, ^{Encl} S/A John H. Benedict

June 25, 1968

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SP3-236/ST38

JL3/KENNEDY R.F.

Dear Miss Phillips:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter.

Because of your interest in more stringent gun controls, you may want to read the President's message to Congress on "The People's Right to Protection." The enclosed copy comes to you with his appreciation.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Miss Hester L. Phillips
5112 Ludlow Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19139

Enclosure: Message to Congress 6/24/68

June 25, 1968

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LE/JL3

JL3/Kennedy R.F.

Dear Patrick:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter.

Because of your interest in more stringent gun controls, you may want to read the President's message to Congress on "The People's Right to Protection." The enclosed copy comes to you with his appreciation.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Patrick Lorenz
1206 Elwood Street
St. Joseph, Missouri 64501

Enclosure: (Message to Congress 6/24/68)

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JL3/Kennedy, Robert ①

June 25, 1968

Dear Professor Dennis:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter at a time of profound sorrow. He recognizes and understands your special concern in writing.

The President, in his address of March 31, announced a major unilateral de-escalation of the bombing in Viet-Nam. At the same time he said that even limited bombing of the North could come to an early end if our restraint is matched by restraint in Hanoi.

In the talks which have followed, the North Vietnamese in Paris have offered little more than bellicose statements and evasions at a time when more supplies and material than ever before are flooding into South Viet-Nam.

An honorable settlement requires some gestures on the other side toward peace. Until Hanoi faces the real problems of ending the war, we must, in the President's words, "stand patiently and hopefully, but with determination, too."

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Professor Clifford J.^x Dennis
Biology Department
Wisconsin State University
Whitewater, Wisconsin

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June 25, 1968

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SP 3-236/ST 32

JL3/Kennedy R.F.

Dear Miss Hall:

President Johnson deeply appreciated the confidence reflected in your letter at this time of terrible sorrow. He asked me to thank you -- and to reassure you of his lasting commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice for all men.

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Miss Frances L. Hall
119 East 29th Street
New York, New York 10016

June 25, 1968

General
SP 3-236/ST

JL3/Kennedy R.F.

Dear Miss Klein:

President Johnson deeply appreciated the confidence reflected in your letter at this time of terrible sorrow. He asked me to thank you -- and to reassure you of his lasting commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice for all men.

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Miss Judith B. Klein
12081 Flagstone Avenue
Garden Grove, California 92640

June 25, 1968

General
SP 3-236/ST22

JL3/Kennedy R.F.

Dear Miss Pollack:

President Johnson deeply appreciated the confidence reflected in your letter at this time of terrible sorrow. He asked me to thank you -- and to reassure you of his lasting commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice for all men.

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Miss Lucille Pollack
Apartment 206
19265 Shiawassee
Detroit, Michigan 48219

June 25, 1968

General
SP 3-236/ST20

JL3/Kennedy RF

Dear Miss Bowen:

President Johnson deeply appreciated the confidence reflected in your letter at this time of terrible sorrow. He asked me to thank you -- and to reassure you of his lasting commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice for all men.

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Miss Geraldine Bowen
1210 Brixton Road
Baltimore, Maryland 21212

June 25, 1968

General
SP 3-236/ST 4

JL3/Kennedy R.F.

Dear Mrs. Benne:

President Johnson deeply appreciated the confidence reflected in your letter at this time of terrible sorrow. He asked me to thank you -- and to reassure you of his lasting commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice for all men.

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Michael G. Benne
c/o Royale Vista Inn
2204 Central Avenue
Hot Springs National Park, Arkansas 71901

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

GENERAL

ND19/CO312/ND9
JL3/Kennedy
Robert F.

To: The Attorney General

Date: June 25, 1968

ACTION REQUESTED

- ☐ Draft reply for:
☐ President's signature.
☐ Undersigned's signature.
- ☐ Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply.
- ☐ Direct reply.
☐ Furnish information copy.
- ☒ Suitable acknowledgment or other appropriate handling.
☐ Furnish copy of reply, if any.
- ☐ For your information.
- ☐ For comment.

NOTE

Prompt action is essential.

If more than 48 hours' delay is encountered, please telephone the undersigned immediately, Code 1450.

Basic correspondence should be returned when draft reply, memorandum, or comment is requested.

REMARKS:

Description:

☒ Letter: ☐ Telegram: ☐ Other:

To: The President

From: Mrs. James J. Esposito, 3834 South Trenton, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74105

Date: 6/9/68 (6/12 pm)

Subject: Requests quick justice for Sirhan B. Sirhan; concerned re laxity in laws and administration of justice.

By direction of the President:

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Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

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June 25, 1968

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JL3/Kennedy R.F.

Dear Mrs. Nagel:

President Johnson deeply appreciated the confidence reflected in your letter at this time of terrible sorrow. He asked me to thank you -- and to reassure you of his lasting commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice for all men.

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Robert F. Nagel
1530 Ridge Road
North Haven, Connecticut 06473

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JL3/Kennedy, Robt. F.

June 25, 1968

PERSONAL

Dear Miss Castle:

The President asked me to thank you for sending him a copy of the musical compositions which you wrote following the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. He deeply appreciates your interest in a matter of grave concern to every American. In his words: "This is a moment for all Americans to join hands and walk together through this dark night of common anguish into a new dawn of healing unity."

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Juanita D. Roberts
Personal Secretary
to the President

★
Miss Jeanne Castle
14603 Killion Street
Van Nuys, California 91401

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June 25, 1968

General
SP 3-236/ST 13

JL3/Kennedy R.F.

Dear Friends:

President Johnson deeply appreciated the confidence reflected in your letter at this time of terrible sorrow. He asked me to thank you -- and to reassure you of his lasting commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice for all men.

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

The Anthony F. DeCarlo Family
5930 West Pershing Road
Cicero, Illinois

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June 25, 1968

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Dear Mr. Cwik:

President Johnson deeply appreciated the confidence reflected in your message at this time of terrible sorrow. He asked me to thank you — and to reassure you of his lasting commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice for all men.

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Henry J. Cwik
3518 Wallace Drive
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15227

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June 25, 1968

General
SP 3-236/ST 49

JL3/Kennedy R.F.

Dear Mr. Fleming:

President Johnson deeply appreciated the confidence reflected in your letter at this time of terrible sorrow. He asked me to thank you -- and to reassure you of his lasting commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice for all men.

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Paul A. Fleming
12151 Diane Drive
Wauwatosa, Wisconsin 53226

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June 25, 1968

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SP 3-236/ST 5

J23/Kennedy RF.

Dear Mr. Shackman:

President Johnson deeply appreciated the confidence reflected in your letter at this time of terrible sorrow. He asked me to thank you -- and to reassure you of his lasting commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice for all men.

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Arthur O. Shackman
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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

June 25, 1968

Dr. Milton S. Eisenhower, Chairman
President's Commission on Violence
4545 North Charles
Baltimore, Maryland 21210

Dear Dr. Eisenhower:

At a recent meeting of our Executive Committee, the members voted to make available to the President's Commission on Violence the assistance of our Professional Advisory Council. This was done after full discussion with the Council itself and awareness that this could become a very substantial activity of the Council and of the Association.

The assassination of Senator Kennedy following so many other tragedies has brought forth repeated references from public officials and commentators that we are a "sick society", that we are engulfed in "national madness" or that "the country is going insane". There is a lumping of problems under the general umbrella of sickness or madness.

It is our frustration that even as the Mental Health Association we don't know answers to many of the questions put to us. We certainly don't know which theories being proposed might hit the mark and obviously we would not pretend to be in a position to provide across-the-board solutions.

However, the Association does have available to it a wealth of professional experience and a history of contributions in the field of mental illness. We also feel an obligation to assist in a sorting out of labels, especially as they might relate to identification of problems as having psychiatric implications. I am enclosing a list of our Professional Advisory Council which, as you will note, contains a significant breadth of psychological, psychiatric, educational and other professional experience. Frankly, it's been my own good fortune to have this Council available when difficult questions arise in this diffuse field, for they have consistently come up with solid guidelines and advice. I believe the President's Commission would profit greatly from involvement of the group in definitions of what can appropriately be ascribed to mental illness and perhaps they might also be of service in broader ways in helping define the causes of violence and in determining whether certain attitudes and behavior can be changed.

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JL3/Kennedy, Robert

June 25, 1968

Dear Specialist Espinosa:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for giving him your thoughts at this hour of great sorrow. He is very much aware of the distress that tragic events at home may have on you who are so bravely serving the Nation's cause in Viet-Nam.

The President more than shares your concern over lawlessness in a country that has and must always draw strength from the decency and dedication of its people. In his words, there can be no justification for violence that tears at the fabric of our national life.

There are no easy solutions to the problems that confront us today. But they can be overcome when our hearts and minds are put to the task. You can be sure the image of America which you cherish will not fade.

You and those who serve with you have the President's warm good wishes, and the pledge of his continuing commitment to the cause of peace, unity and justice.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

SP/4 Basil Espinosa
RA 18838791
A Co. 87th Engr. Bn. (Const)
APO San Francisco 96312

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June 25, 1968

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JL3/Kennedy R.F.

Dear Miss Smith:

President Johnson deeply appreciated the confidence reflected in your letter at this time of terrible sorrow. He asked me to thank you -- and to reassure you of his lasting commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice for all men.

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

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Miss Lois M. Smith
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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19125

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Miss Lois M. Smith
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Dear President Johnson:

I think the speech you made following the death of Senator Kennedy was wonderful. I agree that the whole nation cannot be responsible for the actions of a few. The United States is still a great and wonderful country. God Bless her !!

Sincerely,
Lois M. Smith

June 25, 1968

General

~~SP 3-236/ST~~

JL3 / Kennedy R.F.

Dear Mr. Brignoni:

President Johnson deeply appreciated the confidence reflected in your letter at this time of terrible sorrow. He asked me to thank you -- and to reassure you of his lasting commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice for all men.

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

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Villa Contessa D-19
Bagamon, Puerto Rico 00619

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Antonio Brignoni

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Honorable President of USA.

Washington D.C.

Dear President Johnson,

I am writing you this letter with all respect to you, because I feel so hurt with the two murders of the Kennedy brothers that I want to manifest my opinion on this matter.

We have to stop these dirty crimes before our nation degrades herself more than she is at present.

We should have a law to stop those crimes and punish as soon as

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of the fanatic who ended The promising Life of Robert F. Kennedy. At this moment I feel just like I think Jack Ruby must have felt when he killed Lee Harvey Oswald.

My dear President, I feel at this moment so hurt as the Kennedy family must feel, not only I but I think the whole Puerto Rico as well as the whole dear suffering America.

We have heard comments making you responsible together with other persons of these crimes. People talk too much, comment too much sometimes without sense.

I personally think that you have been a very good

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soon as possible the persons who commit the crime no later than 24 hours. In that way I think the sense of frustration and all the emotions of the people get calmed.

We know that this is a Democracy, but we better stop the Lousy people who want to destroy our pride in America by killing the good American citizens who can give so much for their country.

I am a Puertorrican but my feelings are not only for Puerto Rico, but for America too. I feel so sorry in this kind of situation that I would like to be the executioner

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President and that your policies are good.

I am a 42 year old veteran from WW#2 + Korean War. As far as The war in Vietnam is concerned, I think you are doing the right thing, and if they do not want to have Peace with Honor, you should give them what they ask for. You have the weapon to destroy the enemy.

It is about time to stop a lot of nonsense.

Sincerely yours,
Antonio Bigioni

June 25, 1968

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JL3/Kennedy R.F.

Dear Mr. Tucker:

President Johnson deeply appreciated the confidence reflected in your letter at this time of terrible sorrow. He asked me to thank you -- and to reassure you of his lasting commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice for all men.

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. N. W. Tucker
1013 Michigan Avenue
Beaumont, California 92223

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June 25, 1968

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JL3/Kennedy RF.

Dear Mr. Blake:

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With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. John A. Blake
288 Denslowe Drive
San Francisco, California 94132

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Connect assassinator R.K. June 9, 1969

Dear Mr President and friend,
11/6/25 ~~prop~~ A short week ago today - by mere
chance - my 11 year old daughter and I
went to 10 o'clock mass at All St. Mary's.
When we returned from communion my
little girl pulled my sleeve to say: "Doesn't
that man look like Senator Kennedy?" I
told her that yes, indeed it was Robert
Kennedy with his wife, Ethel joining him
among the rest for communion. A few
36 hours later he was felled at Los Angeles.

The sadness at this awful event
which fills so many of us is emphasized
so much more by your own and that
of your good wives' kindness & thoughtful
generosity in this past week to the
Kennedy family. As a Republican, I
feel I owe you the moral responsibility
to tell you this.

If we disagree politically on some
things it is nevertheless quite clear
to me that you do the best you

May Almighty God continue to
protect and guide you - a good,
kind, unselfish man -

Respectfully -

John A. Blake

June 24, 1968

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JL3/Kennedy R.F.

Dear Mrs. Hicks:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for writing.

Because of the interest you expressed, you may want to read the enclosed statement by the President on signing the Safe Streets and Crime Control Act of 1968. In it, he discussed the urgent need for more stringent gun controls.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Maxine Hicks
6262 Hardy Drive
McLean, Virginia

Enclosure

June 24, 1968

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JL3/Kennedy R.F.

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With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Jan Hastings
3736 High Vista #209
Dallas, Texas 75234

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June 24, 1968

MEMO FOR MIKE MANATOS

This was received with no further identification, but might be included with others for the Kennedy office.

Whitney Shoemaker

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Dear Mr. Szabo:

President Johnson deeply appreciated the confidence reflected in your letter at this time of terrible sorrow. He asked me to thank you -- and to reassure you of his lasting commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice for all men.

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

The Reverend Zoltan Szabo
Hungarian United (E and R) Church of Christ
365 Woodrow Avenue
Columbus, Ohio 43207

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JL3/Kennedy, Robt F.

June 24, 1968

Dear Private Tatanish:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter. He mourns with you, and with the nation, the tragic loss of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

Because of the interest you expressed, you may want to read the enclosed statement by the President on signing the Safe Streets and Crime Control Act of 1968. In it, he discussed the urgent need for more stringent gun controls.

While there are no easy solutions to the challenges which confront us both at home and abroad, they can be overcome if our hearts and minds are put to the task. The President asked me to reassure you that the image of America which you cherish will not fade.

You and those who serve with you have the President's warm good wishes and the pledge of his continuing commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

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Enclosure: Crime Statement, 6/19/68

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JL3/Kennedy, Robert F.

June 24, 1968

Dear Specialist Riegel:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter. He mourns with you, and with the nation, the tragic loss of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

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While there are no easy solutions to the problems that confront us at home and abroad, they can be overcome if our hearts, minds and prayers are put to the task. The President asked me to assure you that the image of America which you cherish will not fade.

You and those who serve with you have the President's warm good wishes, and the pledge of his continuing commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

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